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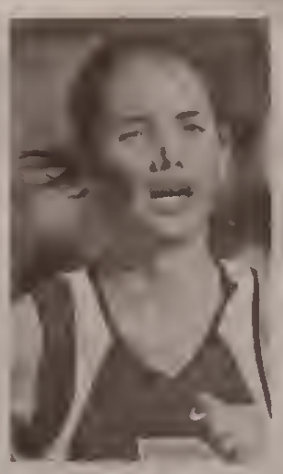

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Congo, Three Other Dogs Euthanized by James After Second Attack

The Congo story, which began last June following the mauling of fandscaper Giovanni Rivera by the James family dog Congo, has come to an abrupt conclusion. Last Tuesday at 5:14 p.m. Princeton Township Police received a 911 call from Elizabeth James reporting that her mother, Constance Ladd, had fallen and sustained injuries after four of their German shepherds had jumped on her.

Ms. Ladd was taken to the University Medical Center at Princeton where she was treated and released.

Princeton Township Animal Control Officer Mark Johnson said that the first police officer at the scene, Chris King, who was also trained as a paramedic and EMT, noticed that the injuries were caused not only by the fall, but also multiple dog bites. He notified Mr. Johnson immediately. The police report noted that multiple "puncture wounds and lacerations" were present on Ms. Ladd's forearm, chest, and head and that she complained of pain in her hip.

Mr. Johnson stated that he "went to the emergency room to try to protect the information, but was not permitted to see the victim, and was not allowed to take pictures of the victim."

After a warrant was issued by the Mercer County Superior Court, photographs confirmed the evidence of bite wounds. Mr. Johnson said that an emergency room doctor also corroborated the diagnosis of multiple bites. The James family denies that the dogs bit Ms. Ladd, claiming that they jumped on her playfully as she opened the door.

Guy James, the owner of the dogs and husband of Elizabeth James, had all four dogs — Congo, Lucia, Hunter, and Bear — euthanized at 8 a.m. on Wednesday at the Princeton Animal Hospital. Mr. Johnson verified the information and said that the rabies tests for the dogs were negative.

Congo's actions initially sparked controversy following his attack on Honduran landscaper Giovanni Rivera last June. Mr. Rivera was working on the James family lawn when Congo attacked him. There are differing accounts of whether the dog was provoked or not. According to Princeton Regional Health Officer David Henry, Mr. Rivera was "bitten over 90 times, and sustained serious bites that required the wounds to be stitched up." Since the

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Princeton Wins "Destination" Grant

The Princeton Regional Chamber of Commerce and Convention and Visitors Bureau (PRCVB) recently announced that the organization had been approved for funding by the 2008 Destination Marketing Organization Cooperative Marketing Grant Program provided by the New Jersey Department of State, Division of Travel and Tourism.

As defined by the PRCVB, the "Princeton region" includes the municipalities of Cranbury, East Windsor, Ewing, Hamilton, Hightstown, Hopewell Borough, Hopewell Township, Kingston, Lawrence, Montgomery, Pennington, Plainsboro, Princeton Borough, Princeton Township. Robbinsville, Rocky Hill, Skillman, and West Windsor.

The PRCVB received $106,250 for a comprehensive marketing strategy that includes an expansion of its www.visitprinceton.org website, search engine marketing, print and online advertising, a direct mail program, and increased distribution of the organization's publications and communications.

In comments at a press conference held last week, Nassau Inn General Manager and PRCVB Steering Committee Chair Lori Rabon noted that the target audience for this publicity will be meeting and conference planners, as well as "leisure travelers" who will be attracted to the "arts, culture, entertainment, and shopping in the area."

Past efforts at marketing Princeton as a tourist destination "didn't make sense," according to Nancy Byrne, Executive Director, New Jersey Division of Travel and Tourism. "What does being 'part of the Delaware River region' mean?" she asked, referring to previous descriptions of Princeton's location. "The Delaware River region includes places such as Camden and Burlington counties. Saying you're from Princeton puts you on the map. People in China know Princeton."

Ms. Byrne went on to describe the state's "great destinations in any direction," campaign, which apparently has its work cut out for it. "When you say 'New Jersey' people cringe," she observed. "When you say 'Princeton' people say 'that's not New Jersey.'" The point is, she said, to use the names of towns as a drawing card, rather than just encouraging people to "visit New Jersey."

Arts Council Executive Director Jeff Nathanson also spoke at last week's press conference. Referring to the recent opening of the new Arts Council building, he observed that "we have finally opened the new cultural destination in downtown Princeton." Among the Arts Council's

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Township Moves on Grant Application For Mountain Lakes Rehabilitation

The Mountain Lakes Preserve Dam Project, street repairs on Leabrook Lane, and the proposed construction of a cell tower on River Road occupied the Township Committee when it met on Monday evening.

Member Bernard Miller questioned the efficacy of a grant proposal, due today to the Garden State Historic Preservation Land Trust for $750,000, to support rehabilitation of the Mount Lakes Preserve Dam. It is estimated that the entire project will cost $2,135,000.

"We need to slow the train down," Mr. Miller said, expressing concern that the total cost of the project had not yet been finalized, nor was it clear where the rest of the money would come from, even if the $750,000 grant were awarded.

According to Township Administrator Jim Pascale there isn't much choice in the matter, since the state has already put the Township "on notice" about the necessity

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MARCHING DOWN NASSAU: The Princeton Fire Department held its annual review with a march from Station No. 1 to Township Hall. Leading the way (from left) Deputy Chief Roy James, Department Chief Dan Tomaſin, and Deputy Chief Truestar Urlan.

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POMP AND (JOYOUS) CIRCUMSTANCE: Members of the Princeton High School Class of 2008 salute the flag to kick off graduation proceedings. Rain and lightning shifted the ceremony indoors, but students, family, and friends persevered with aplomb and good cheer.

(Photo by E.J. Greenblatt)

Stormy Weather Doesn't Cloud Princeton High School Graduation

The air was warm, dry, and festive as the 79th class of Princeton High School graduating seniors filed out of their soon-to-be alma mater clad in royal blue robes and mortarboards.

While the students marched around PHS's front lawn to the orchestra's strains of "Pomp and Circumstance," friends and family cheered and took pictures. After the flag salute and national anthem, PHS principal Gary Snyder took note of the darkening sky and paused to inform all those assembled of "Plan C," or what to do in the event of a deluge. He then introduced Evan Weiss, President of the Class of 2008 and Ari Simon, President of Student Council, who shared the stage to give the Address of Welcome. Mr. Weiss began by citing Thomas Jefferson, saying that "when the people are well informed, they can be trusted with their own government." Praising the class, Mr. Simon bookended the address, noting that each graduate is "leaving PHS with the knowledge of how to govern him or herself."

TOPICS Of the Town

Three members of the Class of 2008, John Yi, Savannah Merceus, and Evan Weiss, were selected by fellow students to speak on the topics of achievement, spirit, and the future, respectively. Lauding his class's "unparalleled fervor and perseverance," Mr. Yi spoke about the more memorable moments of the past year while noting that "our true achievement lies in what we did to get here."

As Ms. Merceus mused about the qualities of spirit exhibited by the senior class, the skies grew overcast and gray clouds moved closer to the campus. Ms. Merceus thanked her class, PHS faculty, and parents, and spoke about the ways in which they had demonstrated spirit.

When a bolt of lightning flashed across the sky, Mr. Snyder interrupted her and directed everyone toward the school building to conclude the ceremony indoors. The students and family moved into the gymnasium and family and friends watched a simultaneous broadcast in the auditorium. Ms. Merceus concluded her speech once everyone had settled in the new locations.

Following Mr. Weiss's address, in which he reflected on robots and how thoroughly the class of 2008 has been prepared to tackle all future challenges, both real and imagined, PHS's a cappella groups Around 8 and the Cat's Meow performed Gavin DeGraw's "Meaning" and the Wailin' Jennys' "Long Time Traveller," respectively.

In presenting the graduating class to the School Board, Principal Snyder elaborated upon its character, thanking the students and faculty. He commended retiring health and physical education teacher Marc Anderson's commitment to students during his 38 years of service to the high school.

Superintendent Judith Wilson asked the class of 2008 to consider the choices that they make in life, and urged them to awaken each day and "consciously make the choice to be of good heart, and to greet others purposely looking for their goodness." Ms. Wilson concluded with a benediction: "may these choices fill all the days of your lives with great joy."

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IF YOU SOD IT, THEY WILL COME: Everyone looks at home on the freshly sodded lawn at the first of the Thursday evening summer concerts at the Princeton Shopping Center. The Klez Dispensers provided the music. Next week it's Swingadelic. For information, call (609) 924-8777.

(Photo by E.J. Greenblat)

PHS Graduation

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The presentation of diplomas followed Ms. Wilson's remarks, the Cat's Meow sang the Alma Mater, the recessional began with the Triumphal March from Verdi's "Aida," mortarboards were thrown into the air, and the Princeton High School Class of 2008 celebrated their new status as graduates.

—Dilshanie Perera

Howell Farm Hosts Wheat Harvest Event

Farmers will cut and shock the winter wheat crop at Howell Living History Farm on Saturday, July 12. Drawn by three big horses clad in medieval looking flynets, Cyrus McCormick's "reaperbinder" will chatter through waves of ripened grain, cutting and bundling it into sheaves. The public is invited to watch, photograph, or work with the harvest crew.

A children's craft program, "Woven Wheat Heart", will be offered from 11 a.m.–3 p.m. in connection with the harvest. The cost to participate is $ 2. per craft and takes 20 minutes to complete. Only groups of 8 or more need register for the craft. Visitors can try their hand at milling in the granary from 1 p.m.–3 p.m. and taste homemade wheat bread in the farmhouse throughout the day. Freshly ground wheat flour will be available for sale.

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The Borough of Princeton recently installed eleven new bike racks in the central business district along Nassau Street, Witherspoon Street, Hulfish Street, and the Albert Hinds Community Plaza. The new racks were partially funded by donations from local merchants. With the rising cost of fuel, the Borough is encouraging the use of bicycles as an alternate means of transportation. The Borough plans to install additional bike racks in various locations later this summer.

The **Princeton Township Police** have issued a "friendly reminder," alerting residents to the fact that, although summer is the time for vacations and fun in the sun, it is also a time when burglaries occur. "We urge our residents to make sure that all doors and windows are locked and that light timers are set in different rooms and at different times prior to leaving the home," said the press release. "Make notifications to temporarily stop deliveries of mail, packages, newspapers etc, and when possible, make arrangements with neighbors if you are expecting deliveries to be made in your absence and for someone to check on the house periodically." For additional information call Detective Corporal Arthur S. Villaruz at (609) 921-2100, ext. 316.

Mercer County Clerk Paula Sollami Covello recently announced that the **Clerk's Office** has converted a portion of its public access counter to better serve those with disabilities. Located in the Old Courthouse at 209 South Broad Street in Trenton, the office is open from Monday to Friday, 8 a.m. to 4 p.m., and Wednesdays until 6:30 p.m.

Regional Planning Board Discusses Flooding, Zoning, Preservation

The Regional Planning Board of Princeton met last Thursday to discuss pending issues, recognize former Borough Council member Wendy Benchley's service to the Planning Board, and to assess the findings of a report by Dr. Richard Olsson regarding a geologic survey of the Random Road segment of Harry's Brook.

Board member Marvin Reed expressed concern regarding a master plan committee meeting to discuss the University's campus plan vis-à-vis traffic patterns. With half of the Planning Board taking vacation leave in July and the other half in August, Mr. Reed worried that there would not be enough participants to constitute a quorum and that a traffic consultant would not be found in time. He cited timeliness as paramount since the University would be engaging in construction projects over the summer. "My concern with whether we proceed now is that the University seems to proceed anyway whether we do or not," he noted.

The board approved the minor subdivision of Princeton Soccer Fields, and the request for an extension on the period of protection by Chatham Capital Investors, L.P. before moving on to presentations.

The first was a recognition of Ms. Benchley's service to the board from January 1999 to March 2008. Chairman Peter Madison praised Ms. Benchley for her "unwavering vision to provide a jitney to the Princeton community," as well as her civic dedication, her expertise, and her commitment to sustainability. Mayor Mildred Trotman echoed Mr. Madison's sentiments. Expressing equal gratitude, Ms. Benchley thanked the board and urged them to consider sustainability as a key issue for Princeton.

Richard Olsson gave a geologic report regarding the Random Road segment of Harry's Brook to the board, which they had previously requested after he presented his findings to the Flood and Storm Water Management Committee in September 2006. He detailed the effects of erosion and deposition along the flood plain of Harry's Brook, which is a wetlands area. Mr. Olsson also explained that the clay in the soil as well as the creation of natural levees accounts for the poor drainage.

Township Engineer Robert Kiser said that he "doesn't anticipate the flooding to become worse." He noted that the "impact of development is assessed by engineers, and future development takes into account the wetlands, so it's not a big problem."

After Mr. Olsson's presentation, the floor was opened for topics of discussion. Planning Director Lee Solow summarized the Borough ordinance to create a mixed-use zone (MX Zone) on the 32 acres of land comprising the Stanworth, YMCA, YWCA, and Merwick properties. The issue was voted on in yesterday's Borough Council meeting (after Town Topics press time). The new zoning would be a change from R1 and R4 to MX, meaning that the space would be both residential and non-residential. The non-residential institutions would include the non-profit organizations and nursing home which already exist on the property. Mr. Solow disclosed that the "ordinance was crafted to try to get the property owners to work together" and asked the Planning Board to endorse the ordinance and recommend it to Borough Council. Mr. Reed acknowledged that the ordinance is consistent with the master plan of the board. The motion to endorse the plan carried. Council members Wanda Gunning and Ms. Trotman abstained from the discussion.

Borough's Zoning and Housing Coordinator and Development Enforcement Officer, Derek Bridger, presented the University's annual shuttle report for 2007. He noted that in the previous year 722,000 rides had been documented. Mr. Bridger said that "the shuttle appears to be working well and it complies with ordinance requirements."

He recommended the continued monitoring of the shuttle and parking supply on campus, and exploring alternative fuels for vehicles to increase energy efficiency. The university anticipates a 10 percent reduction in car usage. The board accepted the report.

The last item on the agenda for discussion was a request for the Planning Board's endorsement of a $750,000 grant for the Mountain Lakes Dam restoration project, which the board approved.

—Dilshanie Perera

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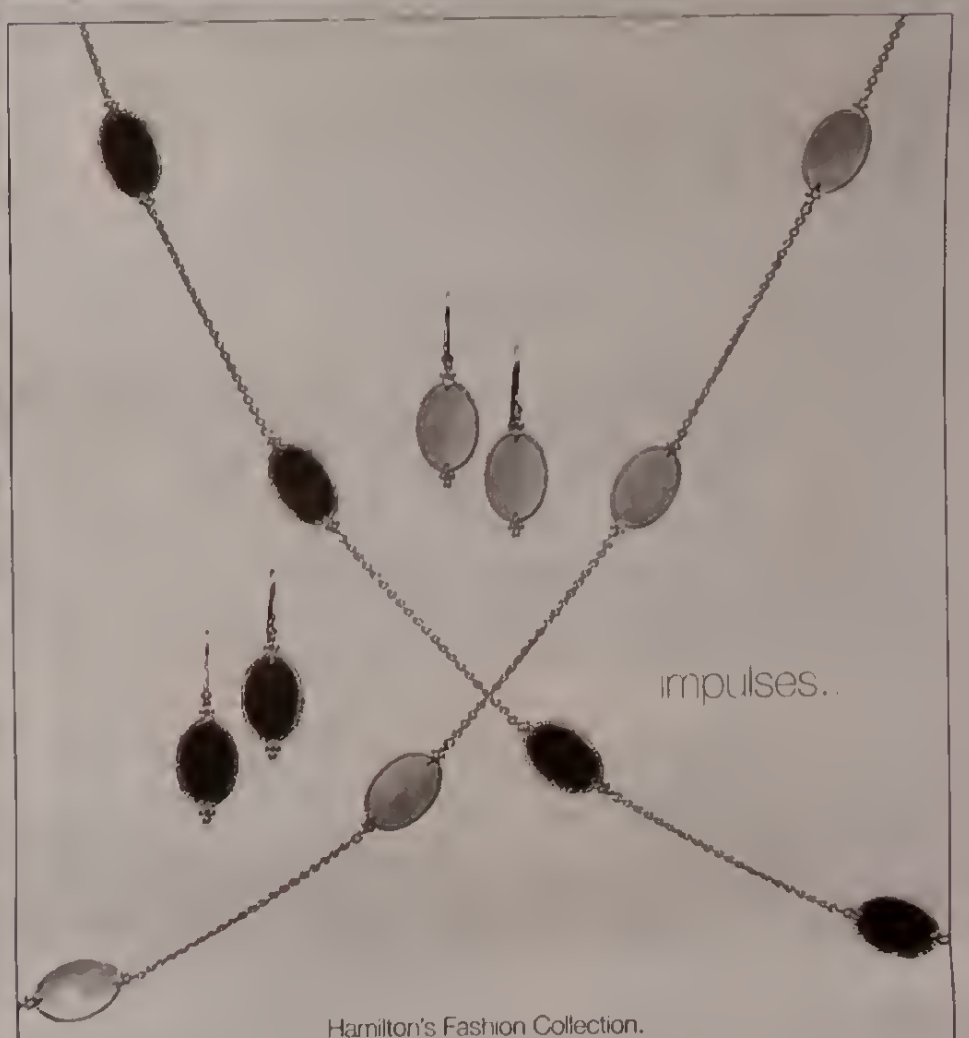

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Pettoranello Gardens Music To Benefit SAVE Shelter

The Arts Council of Princeton and Dan and Rich Radio will present "Sounds for SAVE," two free concerts to benefit SAVE on July 5 and August 23, from 3 to 8 p.m., at Pettoranello Gardens.

Both events are part of the Arts Council's Summer Sounds concert series. The July 5 performance will feature Westminister Choir College graduate Sarah Donner, cellist Alfred James Band, Arthur Colombino Band (described by Steppin' Out Magazine as a mixture of U2 and Coldplay), recording artist Ralph Colombino of the Remnants, and indie soul band Like Trains and Taxis.

Scheduled performers for the August 23 include Sarah Donner, The Remnants, pop rock ensemble Mouth of Wilson (MOW), Joy Simone, and Motown-inspired performer Todd Alsup.

SAVE, A Friend to Homeless Animals is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit shelter and animal welfare organization dedicated to protecting the health and well being of companion animals in the Greater Princeton Area. Through its six core programs of Rescue, Shelter, Health and Welfare, Spay/Neuter, Adoption and Humane Education, SAVE strives to substantially reduce animal overpopulation and the corresponding euthanasia of adoptable and treatable animals in our community. SAVE endeavors to build, foster, and strengthen the human-animal bond. For more information, see www.savehomelessanimals.org.

SAVE will be accepting cash donations as well as the following items during both events: dog chew bones, large rawhides, HeartGard and Frontline (dogs 40 plus lbs.), paper towels and sponges, cat litter, dog and cat food (soft only), Kuranda dog beds, household 100 percent bleach, anti-bacterial hand soap, laundry detergent, peanut butter, latex gloves, garbage bags (13 plus gallons), and glass cleaner.

Dan and Rich are hosts of a talk radio program featuring a variety of musical genres along with discussions about current events, politics, life, books, movies, and celebrity gossip, mostly focusing on independent art. Their website is www.DanandRichRadio.com.

Pettoranello Gardens is located off of Route 206 and Mountain Ave. Audience members are encouraged to bring blankets and lawn chairs and enjoy a picnic atmosphere. In case of inclement weather, or for additional information, visit www.artscouncilofprinceton.org.

Additional funding for the concert series is by Princeton-Pettoranello Foundation, Inc.

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Town Topics

TOWN TALK©

A forum for Princeton residents to express opinions about local and national issues.

Question of the Week:

"What are some of your favorite summertime activities in Princeton?"

"I like barbecuing out back, and going to the Grounds for Sculpture as often as possible."

—Steve Sennert, Linwood Circle

"I love going to Thomas Sweet for an ice cream cone, walking around the shopping center, and looking at all the gardens because they're so pretty."

—Nancy Graham, teacher, Princeton Country Day School

"I like to walk along the tow path and stroll around town."

—Savannah Hollister, Tanglewood Circle

Ben: "I love playing baseball with my dad in our backyard, and attending the recreation camp." David: "I really like the summer concerts, walking around town, and getting ice cream cones."

—Ben and David Grass, Bertrand Drive

"The pool! It's cool and refreshing. We also like going into town with friends, and the wading pool at the university — it's fun hanging out there!"

—Lindsey, Christopher, Anna, and Emily Declements, Queenston Place

Princeton Regional School Board Wraps Up Year and Looks Ahead

As she did in her cover story in the Princeton Regional Schools' June newsletter, Superintendent Judy Wilson struck a positive note at the opening of the school board's final meeting of the year last Tuesday.

Anticipating Princeton High School's graduation the following day, she remarked on the several "moving on" ceremonies that had been occurring in the middle and elementary schools in recent days, and expressed her appreciation for the many accomplishments of students and teachers throughout the system.

As part of the continuing series of presentations on program highlights at various schools, Principal William Cirillo and music teacher Paul Chapin talked about the arts program at Riverside elementary school. Mr. Cirillo, who has been principal at Riverside for 21 years, described his belief that music and art should be part of a school's "core curriculum," noting that "four words" provide a "basic common denominator that cuts across cultures and any curriculum: connections, context, meaning, and emotion." He and Mr. Chapin noted highlights of the school's residency program, in which visiting artists (including Meryl Streep's brother, Harry) skillfully wove dance, sculpture, music, and other arts into the everyday work of students.

Reporting for the Finance Committee, Josh Leinsdorf noted that the district is "in the black," and that the remaining $850,000, which will go into capital reserve, is a reflection of what a good job district administration did in framing this year's budget.

Facility upgrades in the coming months will include a new roof for John Witherspoon Middle School, and the planting of trees along the corridor between PHS and JW, to "soften the look" according to Mia Cahill. The Valley Road building continues to be under discussion, she said, and the Facilities Commitee looks forward to receiving the reports that municipal bodies were asked to submit suggesting what to do with the the part of the building facing Witherspoon Street.

Walter Bliss spoke of the Personnel Committee's enthusiasm for the proposed appointment of Dr. Rick Miller as K - 12 social studies supervisor, which was approved by the board. The board also approved a plan prepared by Human Resources Assistant Superintendent Lew Goldstein and his colleagues for mentoring new teachers. Mr. Bliss expressed the hope that a good mentoring program would enable the district "not just to recruit high quality teachers, but to maintain them."

A new program for autistic students ages 15-18, planned for the the fall at JWMS, was announced by Program Committee Chair JoAnn Cunningham and approved by the board. Ms. Cunningham also announced that in the interest of focusing on curriculum and instructional issues, the committee had agreed to devote just two meetings a year to consideration of textbook adoptions and school trips. The board returned to this announcement later in the meeting, when Mr. Bliss suggested that some of the specific items that did not get discussed at board meetings, but were approved *en bloc* by the board, deserve more attention. One example of this was approval of a $5,000 grant award from the State's Amistad Commission's Exemplary Practice Award Program to Jundamarie Gikandi, social studies teacher at PHS, for her commitment to infusing African-American history into the curriculum. Ms. Wilson noted that a well-stocked new library, the Amistad Resource Room, had opened at JWMS to support students and teachers working on African-American history.

Enrollment is lower than expected in the district's summer enrichment program, according to Ms. Cahill. She noted that some classes had to be cancelled, and that next year should see an improvement on this year's "experimental" effort.

Ms. Cahill ended the meeting much as Ms. Wilson began it, commenting on this "exciting time of year," and saying that the "district is poised to do great things in the next few years," during which she believed it would become a "centerpiece of education."

— Ellen Gilbert

16 Births Reported At Princeton Hospital

The Princeton HealthCare System has reported 16 births the week of June 13, 2008.

Daughters were born to Sujava and Vivek Pai, Princeton, June 15; Rowena and Victor Safronov, Princeton, June 15; Tania Arias and Claudio Patino, Cranbury, June 16; Xibo and Huajia Zeng, Princeton, June 16; Chi-Hee Han and Sang-ho Ro, Princeton, June 16; Jie Cai and Francisco Cervantes, Princeton, June 16; Yanlin Jiang and Deping Li, Lawrenceville, June 16; Jodie and Nicholas Sacco, Princeton, June 17; Prashanthi Mahadevapurem and Hrushee Satvika, Lawrenceville, June 18; Rikke and Klaus Bulow Davidsen, Princeton, June 18; and Patricia Pontes and Alejandro Monzon, Lawrenceville, June 18.

Sons were born to Chiara Sferrazza and Dario Pasqualino, Princeton, June 13; Melissa and Richard Roberts, Cranbury, June 13; Soo-Jin K and Robert P. Ridgell, Princeton, June 14; Ruby and Henry Tsai, Princeton, June 17; and Kathryn and Anthony Stenta, Princeton, June 18.

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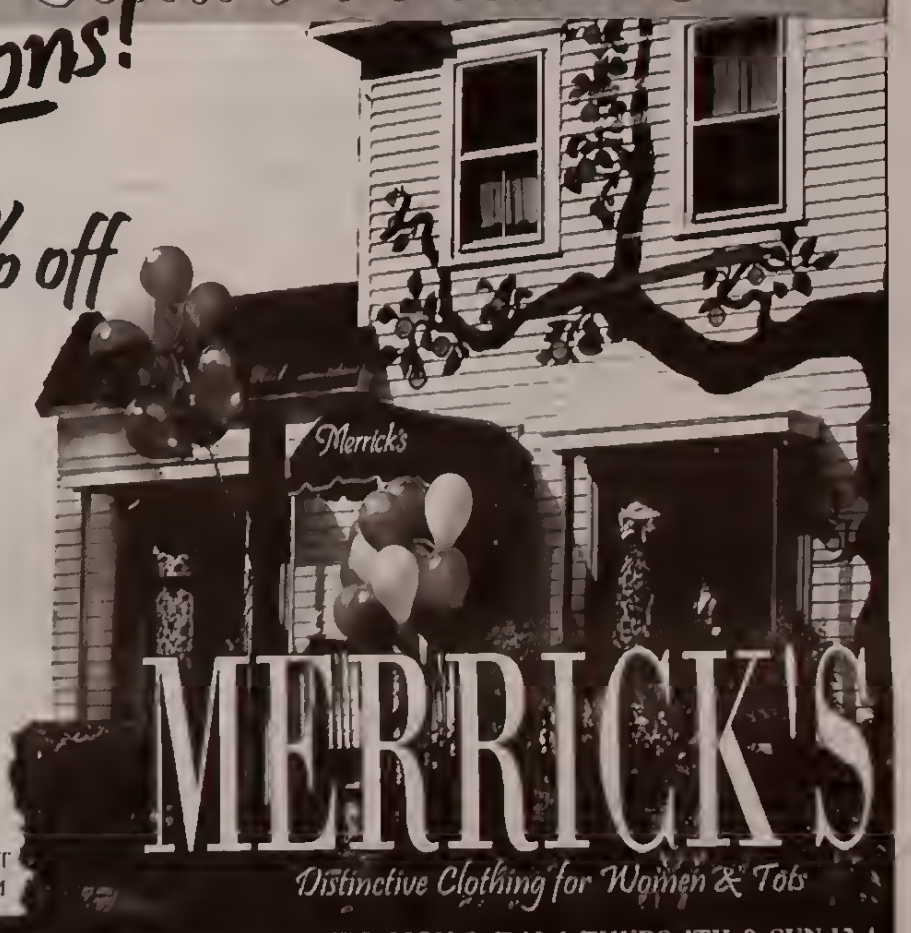

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CHAPIN RUNATHON: HomeFront's Family Preservation Center Children's Programs and the Chapin School's Endowment for Financial Aid were the beneficiaries of the proceeds from Chapin's 32 annual all-day Runathon. The event drew close to 400 participants who ran a total of 2,715 miles to raise $34,000. Honored with special achievement awards for their participation were (from left): seventh-graders Gordon DeGeorge of Yardville and Brittany Bonapace of Skillman, and fourth-grader Owen Felsher of Princeton who are shown presenting a check for $12,000 to Laura Trazsko, HomeFront's Development Assistant.

Police Blotter

Princeton Borough

Li Chen, 46, of Princeton, was arrested June 15 at 12:54 a.m. for DWI subsequent to a motor vehicle stop on Washington Road. He was later released.

Nicolae Cecan, 19, of Princeton, was arrested on May 31 at 7:10 p.m. for misrepresenting of his age for the purpose of buying alcohol and for presenting a fictitious drivers license subsequent to a pedestrian stop on Nassau Street.

The Princeton Borough Police Department has reported the following warrant arrests:

Olufemi Filani, 53, of Newark, was arrested on June 13 at 8:35 a.m. for outstanding warrants from Hillside, Cranford, Newark, and East Orange Municipal Courts in the total amount of $1462. She was released on bail.

Gabriel Medina, 23, of Bordentown, was arrested June 20 at 1:22 a.m. subsequent to a motor vehicle stop on Washington Road. He is on a N.J. Wanted Persons Warrant list from Lawrence Township. No bail was set.

Princeton Township

Elehue McFadden Jr., 44, of Trenton, was charged with shoplifting on June 21 at 10:32 a.m. at McCaffreys's Supermarket in Princeton. The accused was caught on surveillance video stealing from the store the previous week and was detained and found to have bags containing stolen items from the store. He also had an outstanding warrant for $5185. He was unable to post the $10,000 bail.

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Award-Winning Princeton Lawyer Is Champion of Privacy Rights

It probably comes as no surprise to those who have heard her speak at one the many local post-Patriot Act symposiums on intellectual freedom that Grayson Barber's website includes a copy of W.H. Auden's poem, "The Unknown Citizen." As a First Amendment litigator and privacy advocate with a solo practice in Princeton, she does not necessarily hold "the proper opinions for the time of year," and it is for that very reason that she recently received a "Library Champions" award from the New Jersey Library Association.

Choosing her words carefully, Ms. Barber, who does volunteer work for the American Civil Liberties Union and chairs the privacy committee of its New Jersey affiliate, discussed her passion for the First Amendment, which states that "Congress shall make no law respecting an establishment of religion, or prohibiting the free exercise thereof; or abridging the freedom of speech, or of the press; or the right of the people peaceably to assemble, and to petition the Government for a redress of grievances."

"The government is accountable to the people — people are in charge," said Ms. Barber. Speaking of the current administration in Washington, she noted that "the perception is that the government is the boss. There should be limits on the government's power."

"You should be able to form your own opinion, have your own beliefs, read whatever you want, without being afraid of punishment," the Pasadena-born lawyer said. The notion that information disclosed on the internet is "up for grabs for anyone" is of particular concern to her right now, and she offered the hypothetical example of an Islamic high school student interested in learning more about militant Islam, but afraid to go to the library for fear that "the FBI will come and my family will be deported." She points out that in the current environment, the "war on terrorism" has evolved into a "war on immigrants, and criminals have more rights than undocumented aliens."

In addition to her work for the ACLU, Ms. Barber, who works at home and does all of her work relating to the First Amendment pro bono, is the immediate past chair of the Individual Rights Section of the N.J. State Bar Association. She has served on the N.J. Privacy Study Commission and the State Supreme Court Special Committee on Public Access to Court Records. Most recently she was named a fellow at Princeton's Center for information Technology Policy (she was already a lecturer in the University's Political Science department). Under the leadership of Computer Science Professor Ed Felton, whom Ms. Barber describes as "visionary," the 37-year old center helps "leaders react to digital technology with thoughtfulness and confidence," according to its website. One of the center's current projects, she reported, is straightening out the kinks in touch-screen voting machines. Her appointment, which begins in September, is for one year, and her salary, she notes with a laugh, is $0.

The Rutgers University Law School graduate was also, until recently, a member of the Princeton Public Library's Board of Trustees, and, not surprisingly for a "library champion," libraries rate high on her list of enthusiasms. "An educated electorate is essential to a functioning democracy," she observed. She sees the library as a community-builder and guardian of intellectual freedom, and says that organizations "that speak up," like the American Library Association, the ACLU, Human Rights Watch, and Amnesty International give her "room for hope." She lauded the recent Supreme Court decision in favor of Guantanamo detainees, but did not sugarcoat the business of being alert to threats to individual freedom. Besides Auden, her website quotes 19th century Congressman Thaddeus Stevens who described the "great labor" of guarding "the rights of the poor and downtrodden," as the "eternal labor of Sisyphus, forever to be renewed."

The process of renewal and the chance to make mistakes feature in Ms. Barber's own description of how she became a First Amendment lawyer. She came to Princeton as a graduate student in psychology and neuroscience ("I worked in a monkey lab") in 1978. "It was not a good fit," she admits. Princeton "wasn't ready for women," and she "couldn't cope with the coed shower in the graduate college." She left graduate school for a job as a computer programmer at Mathematica Policy Research ("they kept me as long as they possibly could"), before she moved on to the state's Office of Telecommunications. It was the 1980s, and she had another "visionary" boss at that time who recognized that computer main frames were being connected and "somebody needed to understand privacy." Going to law school at night, Ms. Barber became interested in being a privacy advocate.

She cites her story as one of the glories of being in the U.S., where you can always move onto something else, unlike some countries "where you're pigeon-holed at the age of 16 into a career track for the rest of your life." Here, she says, "you can engage in innovation — you have room to make mistakes. It's the great thing about our culture: false starts are okay. The U.S. is the beacon, the envy of the world."

— Ellen Gilbert

MAKING A POINT: Princeton resident Grayson Barber, a First Amendment litigator and privacy advocate, frequently speaks out on intellectual freedom. Her husband, Peter Meyers ("I couldn't do it without him"), is a Princeton Physics Professor and her daughter, Lizzy, attends public school in Princeton.

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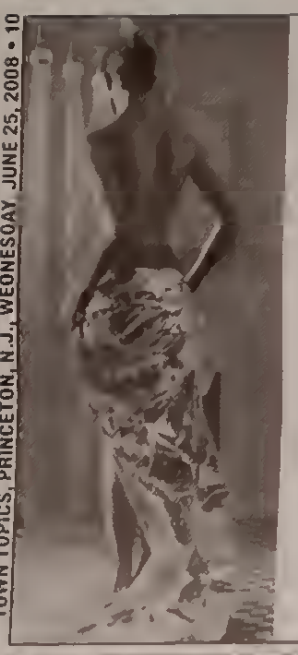

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Congo Euthanized

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dogs were not vaccinated against rabies, Mr. Rivera also had 65 rabies post-exposure shots at the sites of the wounds. He received $250,000 in damages.

Following the mauling, Township Municipal Court Judge Russell Annich, Jr. declared Congo vicious, which legally required that the dog be euthanized. The James family appealed the decision and reached a settlement with the Mercer County Prosecutor's Office last November. The dogs were returned to the James family home from SAVE, where they had been kept, with the requirement that they be monitored and wear restraints when outside the James property. The episode garnered national media attention and inspired a debate about immigration, racism, animal rights, and responsibility.

Given the most recent events, Mr. Henry speculated that the attack on Ms. Ladd would have been assessed by the Superior Court following a mandatory 10 day quarantine for rabies. He noted that "death was not our immediate option" and admitted surprise at Mr. James' decision to euthanize his canines.

According to Mr. Henry, under November's settlement, Mr. James was required to notify Princeton Township Police Department, and Animal Control about any major events or decisions, including euthanasia, regarding the dogs up to 24 hours in advance. In this case they were told after the fact. "It is a tragic end to a tragic situation," Mr. Henry noted.

—Dilshanie Perera

"Princeton 1783" Committee Offers July 4 Weekend Events

As a part of "Princeton 1783: The Nation's Capital" 225th anniversary celebration, the 1783 Committee has planned a number of events for the Fourth of July weekend.

On Friday, July 4, an Independence Day Jubilee will be celebrated at Morven Museum and Garden, 55 Stockton Street, from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. The program will feature the American Historical Theatre re-enactors, who will present dramatizations on the front porch of Morven every hour on the hour between 10 a.m. and 2 p.m. Carriage rides, dancing, and refreshments will also be available. Admission and parking are free. Visit www.morven.org or call (609) 924-8144, ext. 106 for more information.

Also on July 4, the Thomas Clarke House on the Princeton Battlefield State Park at 500 Mercer Road will feature "Interpreting History Demonstrations" from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. and a performance by the Old Barracks Fife and Drum Corps from 10 to 11 a.m. Visit www.saveprincetonbattlefield.org or call (609) 921-0074 for more information.

The Yankee Doodle Tap Room in the Nassau Inn at 10 Palmer Square will be offering a special 1783 Revolutionary 18th-Century Three-Course Dinner Menu for $17.83 per person throughout the weekend. They will also feature a specialty rum drink, called (what else?) The Continental. For more information and to make reservations, call (609) 688-2600 or visit www.nassauinn.com.

Bicyclists can cycle their way through history during the weekend by biking to the various 1783 historic sites. For more information call Princeton Bike Tours at (609) 902-3637.

On Saturday and Sunday, July 5 and 6, Morven Museum and Garden will offer tours of the exhibition "Picturing Princeton 1783: The Nation's Capital" at 12:15, 1:15, 2:15, and 3:15 p.m. Adults tickets are $5; seniors and students, $4. Visit www.morven.org or call (609) 924-8144, ext. 106 for more information.

A Continental Soldiers Encampment from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. will be featured at the Thomas Clarke House on July 5. A new play, *Ghosts of the Battlefield*, will be presented starting at 7 p.m., when groups of people will be led by the ghosts of Declaration of Independence signer Richard Stockton and his wife, Annis Boudinot Stockton (who was also the sister of Elias Boudinot, the President of Congress in 1783), to and from several small stages. At each of the stages, the audience groups will meet other ghosts who will tell the story of the Battle of Princeton. A special version of the play will be given at 6:30 p.m. for young children. Visit www.saveprincetonbattlefield.org or call (609) 921-0074 for more information.

The Historical Society of Princeton will lead tours of the streets of Princeton at 2 p.m. on Saturday and Sunday to view the sights that the members of the Congress saw when they assembled in the town in 1783. Tickets are $7 per person and reservations are required. For more information visit www.princetonhistory.org or call (609) 921-6748.

George Washington's 1783 headquarters, the Rockingham State Historic Site, will offer tours from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Saturday and 1 to 4 p.m. on Sunday. For more information, please visit www.rockingham.net.

For complete 1783 event information, visit www.revolutionaryprinceton.

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Karen Andrade-Mims

The Board of Managers of UIH Family Partners, the state's oldest nonprofit agency dedicated to the welfare of children, recently announced that it has appointed Princeton resident Karen Andrade-Mims to the position of Executive Director.

Ms. Andrade-Mims was an active member of the agency's Board, and served as vice president and chair of the Board Development Committee. For the past eight years she held various program management positions with Prevent Child Abuse New Jersey. Prior to that, she served as director of Community Services at Planned Parenthood in Trenton, and Center Director of Kindercare Learning Center in Lawrenceville. She also currently trains teachers on core curriculum standards for sexuality education in the Rutgers University ANSWER program.

A Princeton resident, Ms. Andrade-Mims holds a BA in Sociology from the University of Pennsylvania and a Masters of Public Administration from Rutgers University. Her affiliations include vice chair of the Princeton Human Services Commission; training advisor of the Junior League of Greater Princeton; program coordinator of the Raritan Valley Chapter of the Links, Inc.; and member of Pi Alpha Alpha National Honor Society.

In announcing her appointment, Board President Jeffrey Bartolino characterized Ms. Andrade-Mims as "uniquely qualified for this position considering her training, program management experience and service on the Board. She possesses a strong understanding of UIH Family Partners operations, staff and the challenging issues facing the agency in the months

BRAVA: Princeton resident Jaqueline Franzosi, a sophomore at Stuart Country Day School, earned a Gold Medal Award in the 2008 National Latin Examination, scoring in the top percentile to earn summa cum laude recognition from among 149,000 students taking this year's examination.

AWARD WINNERS: Larry Berry and Joseph Cifelli are this year's recipients of the Borchert Family Award. Above, the two football players flank Princeton resident Bill Borchert. The $10,000 scholarship is given to two student-athletes graduating from Princeton High School who have exhibited outstanding character and sportsmanship on the field and off. *(Photo by Stephen Goldsmith)*

WOMANSPACE WINNER: Author, lectorer, and filmmaker Jean Kilbourne was recently presented with the 2008 Womanspace Barbara Boggs Sigmund Award. (From left): Womanspace executive director Patricia Hart, Ms. Kilbourne, and Princeton University Professor Paul Sigmund, husband of the late Barbara Boggs Sigmund.

50 THINGS TO DO IN MERCER COUNTY

With summer officially here, Mercer County Executive Brian M. Hughes is reminding residents that they don't need to go far to enjoy festive, fun, and inexpensive weekend activities this summer. "Gas prices are at record highs and Mercer County residents — and visitors from beyond our borders — should take advantage of the incredibly diverse sites in our beautiful county," Hughes said. Mercer County's new Park Commission handbook, which can be fully viewed at the county web site, can get people started, but that list is certainly not exhaustive, said Hughes. Mercer County has hundreds of interesting sites, from historic destinations to museums to parks. All it takes is a short trip to see some amazing places; listed below are just a few. Mercer County encourages residents to submit their favorite Mercer County destinations to gschultz@mercercounty.org

Trenton
- Learn about our nation's history at Old Barracks Museum
- Visit the Trent House
- Visit the Trenton City Museum at Ellarslie Mansion in Cadwalader Park
- Tour the State Museum or State Library on West State Street
- Cheer on the home team at a Trenton Thunder game
- Go fishing along the Delaware River or the Assunpink Creek
- Visit South River Walk Park off Lamberton Street for great views of the Delaware River
- Garden a plot with Isles Community Garden

Hamilton
- Stroll the grounds at the world-renowned Grounds for Sculpture
- Beat the heat with indoor ice-skating at Iceland rink
- Go back in time at historic Kuser Mansion
- Take to the water in a canoe or kayak via the boat launch in Groveville
- View a breathtaking array of flora at Sayen Gardens
- Get active! Visit the dog park, play sports, walk, or biko at Veterans Park
- Learn about the historic Abbott House in Veterans Park
- Bird watch at the Hamilton-Trenton Marsh

West Windsor
- Rent a paddleboat at the marina on Lake Mercer at Mercer County Park
- Hone your golf game at the County's Mercer Oaks East, Mercor Oaks West or Princeton County Club championship golf courses
- Attend a play at the Kelsey Theatre at Mercer County Community College
- Go to the Ron Rogers Arboretum to see majestic trees and the township's September 11 memorial
- Take a child – or act like one at – the WaterWorks Aquatic Center
- Play tennis at Mercer County Park's renowned tennis center or under the lights at Hendrickson Drive Tennis Complex
- Check out the skateboard and BMX park in West Windsor Community Park off Route 571

Hopewell Township/Pennington
- Bring your own popcorn to a free "Movie in the Park" at Rosedale Park
- Connect with nature at Stony Brook-Millstone Watershed Association
- Catch a trout — but bring a picnic to Rosedale Park
- Step back into Mercer County's history by visiting the Howell Living History Farm
- See a play under the stars at Washington Crossing Open Air Theater
- Hike the newly renovated trails at Baldpate Mtn, Mercer County's highest point
- Bike the towpath
- Stroll the Borough's shops
- Pedal along tho Lawrence Hopewell bike trail

Hopewell Borough
- Visit the historic borough's free museum on East Broad Street
- Stroll the antiquo shops and stop for a cappuccino

Ewing
- Hit the links at Mountain View Golf Course
- Stroll the beautiful grounds of The College of New Jersey

Lawrence
- Bring a blanket for concerts under the gazebo on Main Street
- Pick your own fresh fruit at Terhune Orchards
- Go back in time at the Historic Brearley House and take the short walk to the Delaware and Raritan Canal
- Meander through the beech tree forest at Drexel Woods and visit the Nature Center
- Canoe the Delaware & Raritan Canal

Princetons
- Tour elegant Drumthwacket, the New Jersey Governor's mansion, every Wednesday
- Eat, shop, and people-watch in downtown Princeton
- Grab some binoculars and go eagle watching at Carnegie Lake
- Tour Princeton University's art and history museums
- Fly a kite in Princeton's Battlefield Park
- Take a tour of Morven Museum & Garden, a Revolution-era estate
- Explore the quiet beauty of Herrontown Woods Arboretum

East Windsor/Hightstown
- Stroll around Peddie Lake
- See a summer concert at Etra Lake Park

Washington Township
- Visit the local farm stands for fresh picked produce
- Try your hand at bocce at the senior center court

For a listing of Mercer County-sponsored events, go to Mercer County's web site at www.mercercounty.org and click on Mercer County Calendar

Rescue Report

The Princeton First Aid & Rescue Squad responded to 54 calls last week.

On Sunday, June 15, the Squad responded for a bicyclist who lost control and fell off his bicycle. Bystanders report the patient lost consciousness for a few minutes prior to the Squad's arrival. The crew found the patient disoriented with extremity and rib injuries. He was secured to a spinal immobllization device, treated with oxygen, and transported to Universlty Medical Center at Princeton (UMCP).

On Monday, June 16, the Squad responded for a man who collapsed while playing soccer. The crew found the patient in cardiac arrest and continued CPR started by bystanders and police officers. The crew administered oxygen and used the defibrillator, briefly regaining a faint pulse en route to UMCP.

On Tuesday, June 17, the Squad responded for an elderly man who suddenly stopped breathing. The crew ventilated him with oxygen and monitored his pulse and vital signs carefully during the transport to UMCP.

On Wednesday, June 18, the Squad responded for a woman who had a sudden onset of head pain and confusion. The crew found her unaware of where she was and what she was doing there. After administrating oxygen and monitoring the patient's elevated blood pressure, the crew transported her to UMCP.

The Princeton First Aid & Rescue Squad is a nonprofit organization. For more information on donation or volunteering opportunities, call 924-3338 or visit www.pfars.org.

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1 small organic red onion, finely chopped
2 tablespoons organic extra-virgin olive oil
1 tablespoon minced organic garlic
2 to 2-½ tablespoons fresh organic oregano (or 1 tablespoon dried)
½ cup diced organic yellow or orange bell pepper
2 15-ounce cans organic cannellini (Italian white beans), rinsed and drained
Salt and pepper to taste
Splash of lemon juice or Balsamic vinegar (optional)

Saute onions in olive oil over medium heat until onions begin to brown, about 6 minutes. Add garlic, oregano, and peppers and cook, stirring, for 1 minute. Stir in beans.

Add 1 cup water and season to taste with salt and pepper. Reduce the heat and simmer until half the liquid has evaporated. Taste and re-season, if necessary. If you want a little tang, add a bit of lemon juice or Balsamic vinegar. Serve warm or at room temperature.

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missions, he said, is "to get more people into Princeton and the region. One of the greatest economic machines in this country," he added, "is culture and the arts." Cultural events actually draw larger audiences than professional sports, he said, pointing out that a long-running play will be viewed by many more people than a single evening basketball game. "The economic power of the arts in the country and this region cannot be underestimated," he concluded.

President and CEO of the Princeton Regional Chamber of Commerce Karen Colimore satd that the PRCVB "ts exctted to receive thls support from the Department of State, Division of Travel and Tourism. This funding strengthens the CVB as the fastest growing component of the Chamber."

—Ellen Gilbert

Teresa Caffe Partners With Fernbrook Farms

Staying consistent with the philosophy and values of its parent company Terra Momo Restaurant Group, Teresa Caffe will be supporting the Fernbrook Farms Education Center in Bordentown this summer with a weekly promotion, enhancing an already strong relationship with New Jersey farms. Funds raised by Teresa Caffe will cover the cost of sending 10 students from the Princeton Young Achievers program to a weeklong farm camp at Fernbrook's Education Center.

"Finding a way to support New Jersey farms and Princeton kids makes great sense for Teresa Caffe," said Raoul Momo, co-owner with Carlo Momo of Terra Momo Restaurant Group. "This new relationship with the beautiful Fernbrook Farms gives Teresa Caffe and our customers a great way to help educate the leaders of tomorrow about the connections between agriculture and themselves."

As of Tuesday, June 17, Teresa Caffe began its part of Terra Momo's new Cultivating Community Program. Every Tuesday from June 17 through August 19, Teresa Caffe will donate five percent of each party's check to support the Fernbrook Farms Education Center. The funds raised will go towards supporting Fernbrook in general and sending 10 students (ages 6-11) from Princeton to Fernbrook's camp to learn about food, agriculture, and the environment. The students involved are a part of Princeton Young Achievers, an after-school program that serves children from public housing neighborhoods and helps them Improve their overall school performance with a focus on their English-speaking skills.

"Princeton Young Achievers is thrilled to extend our school year program through this new partnership with Teresa Caffe," said Pam Elmi, executive director of Princeton Young Achievers. "The restaurant's support gives us a wonderful opportunity to open a new world to these children and extend the "out-of-school" support we provide families here in Princeton."

"Fernbrook has for the past few years provided free opportunities for Trenton students to attend our farm camp and we are extremely pleased to now include Princeton students in the experience," said Larry Kuser, owner of Fernbrook Farms. "Creating connections with restaurants like Teresa Caffe is so important to raising public awareness about the importance of local farms and opening new horizons to our area children without the means for such experiences."

As part of the Teresa Caffe-Fernbrook relationship, Teresa employees will visit the camp in July and provide lunch for the campers. Teresa Caffe, located at 23 Palmer Square East, offers simple Italian inspired fare using fresh, local ingredients and offers seasonal pasta dishes, pizzette, and a predominantly regional Italian wine list.

Teresa Caffe's Cultivating Community Program is part of Terra Momo Restaurant Group's approach to strengthen and communicate its support for the community. The program includes the various charitable giving, buying practices, and other cultural events undertaken by Terra Momo restaurants to sustain the greater Princeton community and beyond. For more information, visit www.TerraMomo.com.

Fernbrook Farms is a 230 acre preserved working farm located near Bordentown. The Fernbrook Farms Education Center was formed in 2001 as the non-profit arm of Fernbrook Farms to educate children and adults about agriculture, food, and the environment through hands on educational experiences. Fernbrook's philosophy is based on people making meaningful connections with the natural world and becoming responsible stewards of local and global sustainability. For more information visit www.FernbrookEducation.org.

Princeton Young Achievers (PYA) is an after-school program that helps children from public housing neighborhoods improve their school performance and English language skills. PYA serves over 100 elementary school children in after-school programs at three Learning Centers in the Princeton Area. For more information visit www.PrincetonYoungAchieves.org.

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Unsold Valley Road Building Reveals Township's Unfulfilled Quid Pro Quo

To the Editor:

As a fongtime resident f thought i could offer some ancient history on the plans for the Valley Road Buiiding ("Whither Valley Road? Building's Future Remains to Be Decided," Town Topics, June 18). As I remember there were many discussions years ago on the Township's apparent need for either a renovation of the building, or a replacement building. In the final analysis the Township decided to build a big new building for itself. it was sold to the residents as needed to combine all of the activities within the Valley Road Building and the old Police and Court Building. At that time the expense of the new building was supposed to be offset by the sale of the Valley Road Building.

In typical fashion, only part of this plan was ever executed. So, as a result, our taxes have climbed to the point whereby all of the people f have known growing up here are forced to leave. Now f am contemplating the same.

JOHN BOYD
Cherry Hilf Road

Womanspace Thanks Corporate Sponsors And Others on Successful Fund-Raiser

To the Editor:

Philanthropy is alive and well. Womanspace is grateful to the 250 businesses and individuals who supported the successful Barbara Boggs Sigmund Award event honoring Dr. Jean Kilbourne, May 22 at the Princeton Hyatt.

An acclaimed author, lecturer, and filmmaker, Jean Kifbourne, Ed.D., held the audience in rapt attention with the results of her research and work on the over-sexuafized and disparaging representation of women and girls in print advertising.

We applaud the dedication of our Event Committee and honorary chair, Dr. Patricia Donohue. We thank all individual supporters and acknowledge our corporate sponsors who were so generous: Janssen, Bermuda Tourism, Bloomberg, Compass Healthcare, Caliper, DeraCom, Homasote, IXP Corp., Payment Management, PSE&G, Verizon, Times of Trenton, Pryde Brown Photography, and East Windsor Sign-A-Rama.

Speciai thanks to Anne Reeves and Professor Paul Sigmund who offered poignant program remarks about Womanspace and our founder, Barbara Boggs Sigmund. We applaud the excellent staff leadership of Womanspace, Mercer County's lead agency providing emergency crisis services to domestic and sexual violence victims. Having served over 255,000 adults and children in the last 30 years, Womanspace also operates the New Jersey statewide domestic violence hotline at (800) 572-SAFE. This important work is possible thanks to great community support and the hundreds of dedicated volunteers who work daily with Womanspace.

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2008 Barbara Boggs Sigmund Award Reception

Blue Curtain Founders Thank Township For Help in Organizing Concert Series

To the Editor:

Blue Curtain's summer music series of six free concerts in Pettoranello Gardens began on Saturday, June 14 with jazz performances to an appreciative crowd by the Oliver Lake Trio and Columbian harpist Edmar Castaneda and his trio.

As the founders of Blue Curtain, we would like to thank all the volunteers who helped out — the Princeton Township Recreation Department, especially Katie Herlihy, for their help in putting the series together, and particularfy sound man extraordinaire Don Holloway for making the artists sound the way they should.

We would also like to acknowledge that the Arts Council of Princeton is involved in scheduling and coordinating events this summer at Pettoranello Gardens, a good place to see music and dance for the next five Saturday nights.

For more information please see www.bluecurtain.org.

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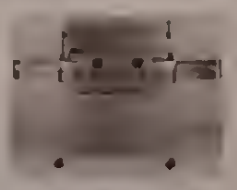
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of rehabilitating the dam.

Mayor Phyllis Marchand pointed out that when the property was purchased by the Township 20 years ago, it was anticipated that work would be required to maintain the features of the landscape. Since then, erosion of the well-used site has been addressed with minor "band-aid" approaches. "If we don't do something now, things will only get worse," she said.

Township engineer Bob Kiser expressed the hope that receiving this initial grant from the Preservation Land Trust "would have a snowball effect" and other monies would follow. He pointed out that there are two aspects to the project: repairing the "clearly deteriorating" dams, and dredging the lake. Of the two, fixing the dam should be the highest priority, he said.

Several residents of Leabrook Lane came to the meeting to express their displeasure over the recent completion of sidewalk repairs in their neighborhood. Frederika Schwerin and Nira Lavid noted the lack of uniformity as a result of the work, with the use of both Belgian blocks and concrete to do the repairs. Area residents, who are required to pay one-half the cost of sidewalk repairs on their property, had the option of selecting concrete, or more expensive Belgian blocks. The resulting inconsistency in appearance troubled Ms. Lavid, who suggested that the Township ought to consider what it wants to look like in the long run. Ms. Schwerin, who also expected the result "to look uniform," complained that "we were not treated respectfully through the whole project." Mr. Kiser responded by saying that the Township tries to repair things on an as-needed basis, keeping concrete curbs when they are in good shape. Eventually, he said, all curbs will be made of Belgian blocks.

Princeton Sewer Operating Committee (SOC) Chair Bob Hough reported T-Mobile's interest in constructing a cell tower on the Township's River Road property, an acknowledged "dead zone" for cell phones. Township attorney Edwin Schmierer reminded the Committee that to satisfy legal requirements a request for proposals (RFP) would have to be issued so that other interested carriers in addition to T-Mobile could respond. Although some concern was expressed about the impending Master Plan and where such a tower might — or might not — fit in, Mr. Schmierer suggested that producing an RFP and looking at the proposals that were received in response to it might only take about a month. It was agreed that the SOC would pursue this plan.

At the conclusion of Monday's meeting, Ms. Marchand reported that recent winners of Environmental Commission sustainability awards included recently retired Princeton Shopping Center gardener Cosmo Gentile, and the Whole Earth Center.

She also announced the names of Princeton Fire Department volunteers who were recently recognized for their many years of service. From Station 63, Mercer firehouse Number 3 at Witherspoon Street, the PFD honored Ray Bianco (25 years), Scott Pirone (25 years), Erick W. Karch (30 years), Alfred Kahn (35 years), and Matthew Freeman, who received an outstanding service award. Station 62, the Princeton Hook and Ladder Firehouse on Harrison Street, was represented by Jeffrey Golomb (30 years), and outstanding service award winner Charlie Scoma. Station 61, Princeton Engine Company Number 1 on Chestnut Street honorees included Andrew Cupples (55 years), Kevin Delaney (40 years), Bob Ellis (35 years), Robert Higgins (60 years), Pat Root (25 years), Henny Shields (35 years), Ben ("Roz") Warren (40 years), and outstanding service award winner Henry Penneli.

—Ellen Gilbert

MOVING ON: This year's graduating students in The Princeton University Preparatory Program (PUPP) and the schools they will be attending include (from left, first row): Jeylene Sola (Richard Stockton College of New Jersey), Lesshua Pica (Villanova University), Jacqui Hernandez (Occidental College), Sandra Garcia (Richard Stockton College), Glorianne Gonzalez (Smith College), Sully Soto (The College of New Jeresy), Frances Nova (Occidental College), Edina Fallah (Syracuse University), and Counselor Michael Hannon; (from left, second row): Grace Compton (Middlebury College), Mahaghani Key (The College of New Jersey), Karla Bagley (Montclair State University), Tana Jones (University of Maryland), Mikkayla McLean (Trinity College, Connecticut), Armando Asuncion-Cruz (Princeton University), Chris Jones (Richard Stockton College), and Shantae Gordon (Loyola College of Maryland); (from left, third row): Associate Director Tory Wilson, Allan Van Morter (Princeton University), Sundiata Daaka (University of Massachusetts), Tong-kyu "Derrick" Lee (Georgetown University), Michael Clegg (Occidental College), Kamryn Austin (Georgetown University), and Director Jason Klugman.

Prep Program Seniors To Attend College

The Princeton University Preparatory Program (PUPP) recently held its closing ceremony for its fifth cohort of graduating high school seniors.

PUPP, now in its eighth year, is an academic and cultural enrichment program that supports high-achieving, low-income high school students from Ewing, Princeton, and Trenton public schools. Approximately 24 scholars are selected during the spring of their freshman year of high school to participate in the three-year college preparation program. In total, twenty-two students graduated this year, and this fall they will be heading to 17 different institutions ranging from Princeton, Georgetown, and the University of Massachusetts, to Occidental, Middlebury, and Trinity College.

The 22 students entered the Princeton University Preparatory Program in 2005, spending six weeks on campus for three consecutive summers attending classes to prepare them academically for college. Students are taught by local high school teachers under the guidance of the University's Teacher Preparation Program. The goal is to provide them with the necessary skills and experiences to make them viable candidates for selective colleges and universities.

Pupp's inaugural class of 2004 attended this year's closing ceremony. Among them, sixteen of the initial 21 (76 percent) earned a BA in four years. A recent analysis from the Pell Institute for the Study of Opportunity in Higher Education, "first-generation, low-income students are one fifth as likely — 11 percent compared to 55 percent — to have earned a bachelor's degree after six years as are students who are neither low income nor first generation." PUPP attributes its program's success to an emphasis on finding the "best fit" college for students, as well as the continuing support of alumni.

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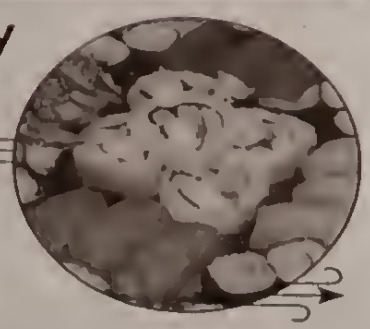

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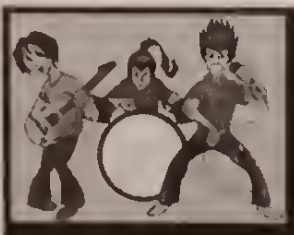

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Wednesday, June 25

7 p.m.: *Willy Wonko and the Chocolate Factory*; Open Air Theater, Washington Crossing State Park, Titusville.

7 p.m.: Coalition for Peace Action screening of *Body of War*; Garden Theater. For tickets, call (609) 924-5022.

7:30 p.m.: U.S. 1 Poets Eloise Bruce and Angelo Verga; Princeton Public Library.

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The removal of leaf litter and the removal or thinning of under-story brush along woodland edges, stone walls, and driveways can drastically reduce the number of ticks. Research has shown that the addition of wood chips or mulch along borders between wooded and lawn areas may reduce tick abundance by up to 50%.

Targeted applications of acaricides (pesticides that control ticks) applied to lawns, groundcover beds, and woodland edges can further reduce tick populations around the home. The best time to control the nymph stage is in mid-spring through early summer; an additional application in the fall will help control adult stages of ticks.

Pets at risk of exposure should be treated with veterinarian-approved tick repellents. This not only helps protect your pets, but also reduces the potential for hitch-hiking ticks to be carried indoors.

If you are interested in reducing your family's potential exposure to ticks, contact a WOODWINDS arborist to help evaluate your exposure potential and to customize programs to minimize and treat ticks on your property.

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8 p.m.: Lyle Lovett and his Large Band; State Theatre, New Brunswick.

Thursday, June 26

Noon: Mercer County Music in the Park concert with Jeff Palmer rock band; Millyard Park, Trenton. Free.

6 p.m.: Swingadelic jazz/blues band; Princeton Shopping Center Courtyard. Free.

6 p.m.: Newark Black Film Festival screening of *The Promised Lond* episode of PBS documentary series *Eyes on the Prize*; New Jersey State Museum, 205 West State Street, Trenton. Free.

6:45 p.m.: SCORE Business Seminar, "Quick Books to Help Your Business Grow"; Princeton Public Library.

7 p.m.: *Oklohomo!*; Open Air Theater, Washington Crossing State Park, Titusville. Also Friday, Saturday, and Sunday at 7 p.m.

7 p.m.: Lawrence Community Concert Band; Weeden Park, Lawrenceville. Free.

7 to 8:30 p.m.: Senior Care Options Workshop for caregivers; Princeton Public Library.

8 p.m.: Singer Sarah Donner; Small World Coffee, 14 Witherspoon Street.

8 p.m.: Finals of Princeton Festival piano competition for pianists ages 6 to 24; Taplin Auditorium, Fine Hall.

8 p.m.: Princeton Summer Theater production of *Bus Stop*; Hamilton Murray Theater, Princeton University. Also Friday at 8 p.m., Saturday at 2 and 8 p.m., Sunday at 2 p.m.

8 p.m.: Princeton University Summer Concert with the Escher Quartet; Richardson Auditorium.

Friday, June 27

10 a.m.: *Jock & The Beonstolk*; Off-Broadstreet Theatre, Hopewell. Also Saturday at 10:30 a.m.

7 p.m.: Lynn Randall Quartet; Crossing Vineyards & Winery, 1853 Wrightstown Road, Washington Crossing, Pa.

7:30 p.m.: Opera New Jersey preview concert; Palmer Square. Also Saturday at 2 p.m.

7:30 p.m.: Courtyard Concert with singer-guitarist Jeffrey Gaines; Grounds For Sculpture, Hamilton.

8 p.m.: Princeton Festival's *Lo Boheme*; McCarter Theatre. Also Sunday at 3 p.m.

8 p.m.: Shakespeare '70 production of *The Toming of the Shrew*; Kelsey Theatre, Mercer County Community College. Also Saturday at 8 p.m., Sunday at 2 p.m.

8 p.m.: Comedian Louis C.K.; State Theatre, New Brunswick.

8 and 10:30 p.m.: Andrew Kennedy; Catch a Rising Star Comedy Club, Princeton Hyatt Regency. Also Saturday at 8 and 10:30 p.m.

8 p.m.: *Twilight of the Golds*; Off-Broadstreet Theatre, Hopewell. Also Saturday at 8 p.m., Sunday at 2:30 p.m.

Saturday, June 28

8 a.m. to 2 p.m.: Mercer County Household Chemical Waste and Electronics Waste Disposal Day; Dempster Fire School, Bakers Basin/Lawrence Station Road, Lawrence Township.

9:45 a.m.: Blues/bluegrass duet Carm and John; West Windsor Farmers Market, Princeton Junction train station.

10 a.m. to 5 p.m.: Annual Blueberry Bash; Terhune Orchards, 330 Cold Soil Road. Free. Also Sunday from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.

1:30 p.m.: Mercer County Park Commission's 21st Annual Old Time Baseball Game; Howell Living History Farm, 70 Wooden's Lane, Lambertville.

3 p.m.: Princeton Festival's *Mirette*; Matthews Acting Studio, 185 Nassau Street.

5 p.m.: Gospel concert benefiting HomeFront; Lutheran Church of the Redeemer, 189 South Broad Street, Trenton.

6:30 to 9:30 p.m.: Folk by Association folk duet; Halo Pub, 9 Hulfish Street.

7 p.m.: Blue Curtain concert with Cabo Verdean singer Maria de Barros and Agua Duice Dance Company; Pettoranello Gardens, Princeton Community Park North, Mountain Avenue. Free.

8 p.m.: Princeton Festival concert with organist Marilyn Keiser; Princeton University Chapel.

8:30 p.m.: Ryat and Tim Conley jazz/folk band; Small World Coffee, 14 Witherspoon Street.

10 p.m. to 1 a.m.: Blues band The Ramblin Dawgs; Tap Room, Nassau Inn, Palmer Square.

Monday, June 30

7 p.m.: *Aloddin*; Open Air Theater, Washington Crossing State Park, Titusville. Also Tuesday and Wednesday at 7 p.m.

7 p.m.: Screening of *Across the Universe*; Princeton Public Library.

7:30 p.m.: Austin Girls Choir; Princeton Theological Seminary Chapel, 64 Mercer Street. Free.

Tuesday, July 1

7 p.m.: Screening of *Cosoblonca*; Lawrence Public Library, 2751 Brunswick Pike.

Wednesday, July 2

1 p.m.: Senior Resource Center screening of *Silent Wings*; Suzanne Patterson Building. Free.

7 p.m.: Wizard Rock Concert with the Remus Lupins and Draco and the Malfoys; Princeton Public Library. Free.

Dusk (approximately 9 p.m.): Spirit of Princeton Independence Day Fireworks Celebration; Princeton University fields next to University Stadium, Western Way.

Thursday, July 3

6 p.m.: The Blawenburg Band; Princeton Shopping Center Courtyard. Free.

6 p.m.: Newark Black Film Festival screening of *Back to Africo*; New Jersey State Museum, 205 West State Street, Trenton. Free.

7 p.m.: Riverside country, rock, and acoustic bluegrass band; Weeden Park, Lawrenceville. Free.

7 p.m.: *Corousel*; Open Air Theater, Washington Crossing State Park, Titusville. Also Friday, Saturday, and Sunday at 7 p.m.

8 p.m.: Princeton Summer Theater production of *Bus Stop*; Hamilton Murray Theater, Princeton University. Also Friday at 8 p.m., Saturday at 2 and 8 p.m., Sunday at 2 p.m.

Friday, July 4

10 a.m.: Old Barracks Fifes & Drums Demonstrations; Princeton Battlefield, Princeton Pike.

10 a.m. to 3 p.m.: Independence Day Jubilee with American Historical Theatre re-enactors; Morven Museum & Garden, 55 Stockton Street. Free.

10 a.m. to 5 p.m.: Interpreting History Demonstrations; Thomas Clarke House, Princeton Battlefield State Park, 500 Mercer Road.

8 and 10:30 p.m.: Joey Gay and Jackie Kashardian; Catch a Rising Star Comedy Club, Princeton Hyatt Regency. Also Saturday at 8 and 10:30 p.m.

8 p.m.: Shakespeare '70 production of *The Toming of the Shrew*; Kelsey Theatre, Mercer County Community College. Also Saturday at 8 p.m., Sunday at 2 p.m.

Saturday, July 5

10 a.m. to 4 p.m.: Revolutionary Soldiers' Encampment; Princeton Battlefield, Princeton Pike.

12:15 p.m.: "Picturing Princeton 1783: The Nation's Capital" exhibition tours; Morven Museum & Garden, 55 Stockton Street. Also at 1:15, 2:15 and 3:15 p.m. For information, call (609) 924-8144, ext. 106.

SENIOR CITIZENS CALENDAR

Wednesday, June 25 – Wednesday, July 2

Information Provided by Senior Resource Center, 924-7108

SENIOR RESOURCE CENTER (SRC) at Spruce Circle (SC) off Harrison St.; Suzanne Patterson Bldg (SPB); Redding Circle (RC); Borough Hall (BH); Harriet Bryan Building (HBH); Henry F. Pannell Learning Center (HPLC), Princeton University (PU); Princeton University Art Museum (PUAM).

Information about resources for the older adult. Call 924-7108.

Wednesday, June 25:
9:15 a.m. Aerobics; SPB.
10:30 a.m. Let's Talk; RC.
1:30 p.m. Let's Talk English; SC.
1:30 p.m. Art with Bob; SPB.
2:00 p.m. **History Trip; Bainbridge.**
3:00 p.m. Let's Talk Too; SC.
4:45 p.m. Memoir Writing; SC.

Thursday, June 26:
10:30 a.m. Yoga; SPB.
1:00 p.m. Art with Hannah; SPB.
1:00 p.m. Bridge, sanctioned; SPB.

Friday, June 27:
9:15 a.m. Aerobics; SPB.
9:15 a.m. Let's Talk English Too; RC.
10:45 a.m. Ping-Pong; SPB.
11:00 a.m. Chair Exercise; SC.
1:00 p.m. Senior Citizen Club; SPB.

Monday, June 30:
9:15 a.m. Aerobics; SPB.
11:30 a.m. Chair Exercise; SC.
1:30 p.m. Wonder of Wordplay; SPB.
2:30 p.m. Yoga; HBH.

Tuesday, July 1:
11:00 a.m. Strength Training; SPB.
1:00 p.m. Bridge; SPB.
1:00 p.m. Computer Lab; SPB.

Wednesday, July 2:
9:15 a.m. Aerobics; SPB.
9:30 a.m. Mah Jongg; SPB.
10:30 a.m. Let's Talk; RC.
1:00 p.m. Movie: *Silent Wings*; SPB.
1:30 p.m. Let's Talk English; SC.
1:30 p.m. Art with Bob; SPB.
3:00 p.m. Let's Talk Too; SC.
4:45 p.m. Memoir Writing; SC.

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Books

Anne Martindell Honored At Public Library Gathering

Friends and family assembled in the public library on Sunday afternoon to celebrate the life of renowned Princeton personality, politician, and generally inspiring character, Anne Martindell, who died last week at age 93. She had been scheduled to attend the Princeton launch of her memoir, *Never Too Late*, which chronicles Ms. Martindell's involvement in politics following the 1968 Democratic Convention riots in Chicago, her work in the New Jersey State Democratic Party, her time as a state senator, her efforts as the director of the Office of United States Foreign Disaster Assistance, her appointment as the United States ambassador to New Zealand, how she found true love in her 60s, and the triumph of earning a degree from Smith College at the age of 87. It is the story of a dynamic life, one filled with a tirelessness and vivacity.

Blanche Brann, Ms. Martindell's editor, publisher, and friend, spoke to the crowd of about fifty people, saying that "there is no better tribute to an extraordinary woman than to have people gather in her memory." Remembering Ms. Martindell's service to the United States and New Zealand as an ambassador, she invoked a Maori blessing, which stipulates that "the living must come together and offer support for the loved one in a community place." The public library was thus acknowledged as the perfect setting for such a remembrance.

Most of those present had personally known Ms. Martindell, and the book launch was interspersed with stories and favorite recollections of Ms. Martindell by friends and family. Roger Martindell, Ms. Martindell's son and a member of Princeton Borough Council, said that "my mom would have wanted this event to have gone on today," adding, "because you are here, she is here."

Ms. Brann read passages from *Never Too Late* which included a description of the events that inspired Ms. Martindell's entry into politics and her ardent campaigning for women's voices to be heard and taken seriously in the arenas in which she worked: local, state, national, and international politics.

Friends spoke about their first memories of Ms. Martindell, and of her outlook on life. Ruth Perkins, Ms. Martindell's long-time friend, noted that, "Anne was important, and she was a wonderful, modest person. She accepted people just the way they were." Ms. Brann went on to describe how Ms. Martindell enjoyed a rich family life in addition to her robust career in politics.

As the mother of four children, grandmother of nine, and great-grandmother of six, Ms. Martindell remained close to all of them throughout her life. Indeed, in her memoir she describes them as a key motivating force when she considered going back to Smith College to finish her coursework after a 67 year hiatus. She received her bachelor's degree in American studies, as well as an honorary degree in law in 2002. As the oldest graduate of Smith College, Ms. Martindell attributed her motivation and achievements after age 50 to an element of luck, but wrote, "if one stays active and involved, there is often a point at which one can seize opportunities that would not come to anyone sitting passively."

In the prologue to her book, Ms. Martindell wrote that, "my goal is to inspire all of us to live fuller lives; to accept that your life does not have to follow a linear path. You can start something new, accept new challenges, say 'YES' instead of 'NO.' It's never too late to begin, to open up a new part of your life."

Ms. Martindell concluded *Never Too Late* with an exhortation: "We have the opportunity, each of us, to be well informed and to seek to understand the complexities of our time and place. We can become students of our own history -- personal, political, global -- learning its lessons, leaving behind the repetitive cycle of its mistakes, and continually striving for positive change."

—Dilshanie Perera

A WONDERFUL LIFE: Long-time Princeton resident, Anne Martindell, began her career in politics after age 50. She worked on national campaigns, was a state senator in New Jersey, and became the first female ambassador to New Zealand under the Carter Administration. Ms. Martindell died last week at age 93.

"Welcome to Your Brain" Co-Authored by Sam Wang

Welcome to Your Brain: Why You Lose Your Car Keys but Never Forget How to Drive and Other Puzzles of Everyday Life (Bloomsbury $24.95) by Princeton University associate professor of neuroscience and molecular hiology Sam Wang and Sandra Aamodt, the editor in chief of Nature Neuroscience, has just been published.

Some of the questions and myths the book addresses: Does playing Mozart to a baby really make him or her smarter? Does drinking alcoholic beverages really kill brain cells? The book considers how neuroscience research has proved many such ideas to be wrong.

According to Publishers Weekly, *Welcome to Your Brain* is "a terrific, surprisingly fun guide for the general reader" that tackles "such potentially controversial topics as whether men and women have different brains (yes, though what that means in terms of capabilities and behavior, they say, is up in the air) and whether intelligence is shaped more by genes or environment."

Dan Ariely, author of *Predictably Irrotionol*, calls it "An insightful and playful guide to the most mysterious part of the universe *Welcome to Your Brain* unravels some of the fascinating discoveries and puzzles of this marvelous organ."

Mr. Wang graduated with honors in physics from the California Institute of Technology and holds a doctorate in neuroscience from Stanford University School of Medicine. His career includes research at Duke University Medical Center and at Bell Labs Lucent Technologies, and science and education policy work for the Senate Committee on Labor and Human Resources. A W.M. Keck Foundation Distinguished Young Scholar and an Alfred P. Sloan Fellow, he has written more than 40 scientific articles on the brain. His research interests include cellular learning mechanisms, brain evolution, and the development of optical tools for probing the brain. His current research focuses on the cerebellum.

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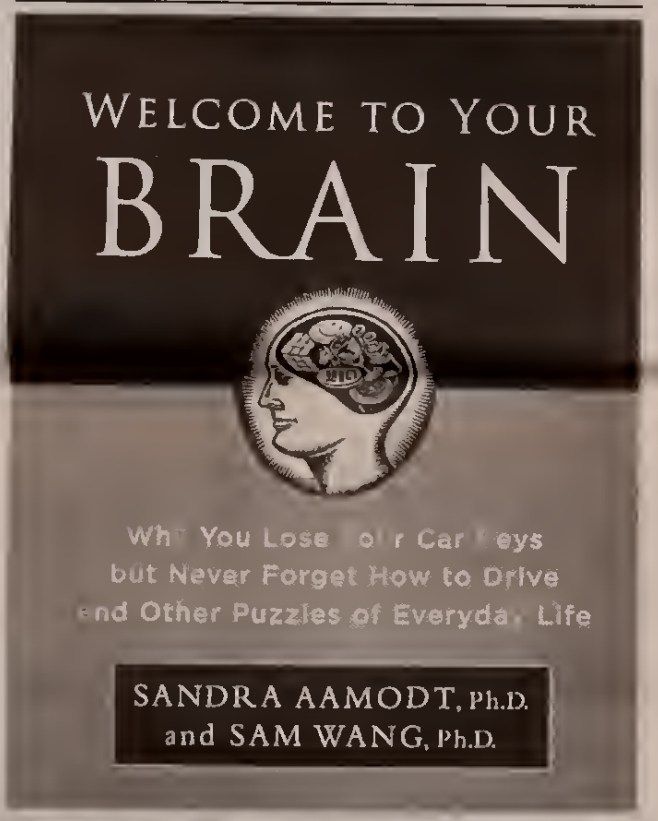

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• CATCH THE READING BUG: Children entering K-5th grades will get caught up in a web of creepy, crawly fun with this year's summer reading club. Upon registering children will receive a bookmark and time chart and as they read their way to 50 hours they will earn stickers, an ice cream sundae coupon from Thomas Sweet Ice Cream, and a plush insect. Children who read and complete 50 hours will also be entered in a drawing to win a "Catch the Reading Bug" t-shirt.

EASY READER BOOKS

Shoo, Fly Guy
by: Arnold, Tedd
A pet fly searches for his favorite brown, oozy, lumpy, smelly food.

Bug in a Rug : Reading Fun for Just-Beginners
by: Cole, Joanna
Includes simple stories and poems, labeled pictures, and rebuses to help young children discover the pleasure of reading.

Inspector Hopper's Mystery Year
by: Cushman, Doug
Join Inspector Hopper as he unravels a mystery each season of the year!

One Hundred Shoes: A Math Reader
by: Ghigna, Charles
In rhyming verse, this book ponders, sometimes mathematically, the different shoes a centipede might opt to wear.

Bugs, Bugs, Bugs *Series from Pebble Plus (Ex: Ants, Cicadas, Centipedes)*
by: Hall, Margaret and Fran Howard
Beautiful photographs and simple facts present many different bugs in this series, from ants to praying mantises.

Butterfly Fever
by: Haskins, Lori
The new kid in town, Ellie, learns about the monarch migration that ends annually in her town.

Fireflies in the Night
by: Hawes, Judy
A young girl learns about fireflies, their uses in other countries, and the proper way to treat them as she catches fireflies at her grandparent's summer home.

From Caterpillar to Butterfly
by: Heiligman, Deborah
A caterpillar is brought into a classroom, where the school children watch its growth.

Ant Attack
by: James, Anne
Jenny tries to outwit a colony of ants that have discovered her secret candy stash.

Bug Stew!
by: Jordan, Apple
An easy-to-read, rhyming tale of Timon, Pumbaa, and Simba, who spend a day searching for and eating all sorts of tasty bugs.

How a Seed Grows
by: Jordan, Helene J.
Readers will learn how a seed grows and be instructed how to grow their own plants.

Miss Spider's New Car
by: Kirk, David
Miss Spider and her husband go shopping for a car.

Princess Buttercup: A Flower Princess Story
by: Lewison, Wendy Cheyette
To celebrate the first day of spring, six princesses plan a party. Meanwhile Princess Buttercup befriends a monarch butterfly that joins the party.

A Fly Went By
by: McClintock, Mike
While relaxing by the lake, a fly goes by a young boy who, in rhyme, unravels a long chain of animals and misunderstandings.

Creepy Crawlers
by: Moore, Mark
A book of bug themed jokes.

Sir Small and the Dragonfly
by: O'Connor, Jane
A tiny knight must save Lady Teena, who is a dragonfly's prisoner.

Rug Bug
by: Redbank, Tennant
After its home is destroyed by an unrolling rug, a bug gets a better place to live.

Mighty Spiders
by: Robinson, Fay
In rhyme with realistic illustrations, this book explores all variety of spiders.

Honey In a Hive
by: Rockwell, Anne
This fascinating book explains the lives and roles of bees.

CHAPTER BOOKS

The End of the Beginning : Being the Adventures of a Small Snail
(and an Even Smaller Ant)
by: Avi
Avon the snail and Edward, a take-charge ant, set off together on a journey to an undetermined destination in search of unspecified adventures.

Magic by the Book
by: Bernstein, Nina
After returning from a trip to the library, eleven-year-old Anne and her younger brother and sister discover a magic book which sends them on adventures in which they meet Robin Hood, giant bugs, and a dork, sinister man with a wolfish face.

The Secret Garden
by: Burnett, Frances Hodgson
A lonely girl discovers a hidden garden and transforms the lives of those around her.

Ender's Game
by: Card, Orson Scott
Child-hero Ender Wiggin must fight a desperate battle against a deadly alien race if mankind is to survive.

Gregor the Overlander
(and the Rest of the Underland Chronicles)
by: Collins, Suzanna
When eleven-year-old Gregor and his two-year-old sister are pulled into a strange underground world, they trigger an epic battle involving men, bats, rats, cockroaches, and spiders while on a quest foretold by ancient prophecy.

The Bundle at Blackthorpe Heath
by: Copeland, Mark
Twelve-year-old Art, with the help of a ladybug named Rufus, uncovers a fly's plot to ruin his family's traveling insect circus.

James and the Giant Peach
by: Dahl, Roald
James meets some friendly giant insects who join him on an adventure flying within a giant peach.

The Transmogrification of Roscoe Wizzle
by: Elliott, David
After eating constantly at the fast food restaurant known as Gussy's, ten-year-old Roscoe finds himself turning into a giant bug.

In the Jungle
by: Greenburg, J. C.
Lost in an Australian rainforest, Andrew, Judy, and Thudd the robot, who are still the size of insects, must evade Rhinoceros beetles, tarantulas, flesh-eating plants, and a host of other threats as they make their way toward the village where Uncle Al will meet them.

Shoebag
by: James, Mary
Shoebag, a happy young cockroach who finds himself suddenly changed into a little boy, changes the lives of those around him before returning to his former life as an insect.

Shoebag Returns
by: James, Mary
Shoebag, a cockroach with magical powers, changes himself into a boy to aid lonely Stanley Sweetsong, the only boy in Miss Rattray's School for Girls.

Seven Spiders Spinning
by: Maguire, Gregory
Seven prehistoric spiders that had been trapped in ice for thousands of years bring excitement to rural Vermont and briefly unite two rival clubs at a local elementary school.

Project Mulberry
by: Park, Linda Sue
While working on a project for an after-school club, Julia, a Korean American girl, and her friend Patrick learn not just about silkworms, but also about tolerance, prejudice, friendship, patience, and more. Between the chapters are short dialogues between the author and main character about the writing of the book.

The Cricket in Times Square
by: Selden, George
The adventures of a country cricket who unintentionally arrives in New York and is befriended by Tucker Mouse and Harry Cat.

NON-FICTION BOOKS

Bug Safari
by: Barner, Bob
Tells how the author, as a young boy, followed a trail of ants and came across various other insects and small creatures, then briefly provides facts about each creature encountered.

Ants *by: Beer, Amy-Jane*
A book that covers many facts about ants.

Buzz
by: Bingham, Caroline
An electronic sound button brings this book of bugs to life.

Nic Bishop Spiders
by: Bishop, Nic
Amazing pictures of spiders of all shapes and sizes abound in this pictorial work by noted photographer Nic Bishop.

The Magic School Bus Gets Ants in its Pants
by: Breech, Linda
Based on an episode from the animated TV series, produced by Scholastic Productions this story describes the life and times of an ant.

The Magic School Bus Inside a Beehive *by: Cole, Joanna*
Ms. Frizzle takes her class on a field trip to the inside of a beehive.

Ugh! A bug!
by: Crowley, Ned
Illustrations and simple text describe some unusual characteristics of such insects as grasshoppers, beetles, caterpillars, praying mantis, and more.

Martina the Beautiful Cockroach: *A Cuban Folktale Retold*
by: Deedy, Carmen Agra
This is the story of a cockroach who interviews various suitors in order to decide whom to marry. The illustrations are beautiful.

Joyful Noise: *Poems for Two Voices*
by: Fleischman, Paul
Poetry designed to be read aloud by two voices, bring us deep into the world and sounds of insects.

Insectlopedia
by: Florian, Douglas
Twenty-one insect poems are each matched with a colorful painting depicting the subject.

Inside an Ant Colony
by: Fowler, Allen
Describes how these social insects live and work together in organized communities that are like bustling cities.

Bugs: Poems About Creeping Things *by: Harrison, David L.*
This book of poetry and line drawings explores the creepy world of creeping things.

Cricket Never Does:
A Collection of Haiku and Tanka
by: Livingston, Myra Cohn
This collection of poetry includes 67 poems divided into four seasons of life in the garden.

The Best Book of Bugs
by: Llewellyn, Claire
Describes the habits and life cycles of various insects and provides clues for identifying them in their natural habitats.

A Dazzle of Dragonflies
by: Mitchell, Forrest Lee
Illustrated with the latest in digital imaging techniques, A Dazzle of Dragonflies investigates the mystery of dragonfly migration, secret watery universes and local ponds.

Don't squash that bug!
The Curious Kid's Guide to Insects
by: Rompella, Natalie
This is a non-fiction with facts about common insects like grasshoppers and ladybugs. It includes excellent photographs of the insects.

Bugs up Close
by: Swanson, Diane
Oversized, sharply focused color photos reveal every joint, wing, eye facet, and wrinkle on a succession of common insects.

Army Ants *by: Twist, Clint*
Describes nature's minibeasts traveling ant colony.

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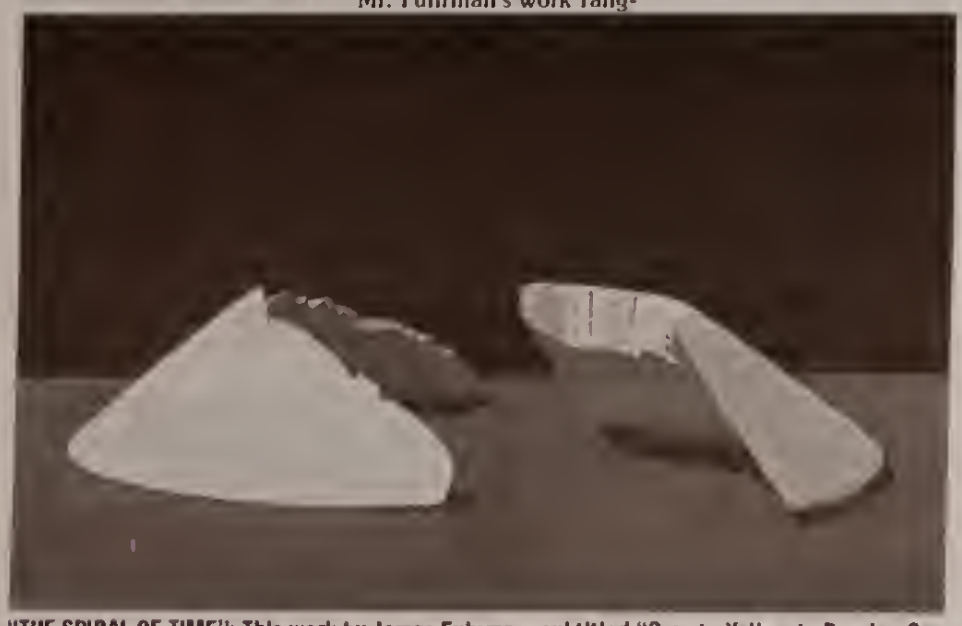
Art

Fuhrman's "Contemplative Spaces" Coming to Michener's Sculpture Garden

The James A. Michener Art Museum in Doylestown will present the exhibition "Contemplative Spaces" by Philadelphia sculptor James Fuhrman as part of the ongoing Outdoor Sculpture Program. Situated between the Museum and the Bucks County Library Center from July 19 through October 26, this exhibition of cedar, oak and painted steel sculptures includes four of the artist's recent works as well as one new piece created specifically for this exhibition.

"Fuhrman makes bold, archetypal objects, which ask the viewer to not only consider his or her physical relationship to the work, but also to examine one's spiritual place in the world," explains Kristy Krivitsky, the Museum's Associate Curator of Contemporary Art. "These pieces are quiet, yet strong; simple, yet powerful."

Mr. Fuhrman's work ranges from large-scale public art commissions to more meditative studio sculptures, drawings, and prints. He incorporates Zen circular forms known as enso, which symbolize completion, fuliness, and inclusion. Some of his most recent work involves the creation of contemplative spaces that the viewer can enter and that utillze natural materials and geometric forms to reveal areas of quiet and reflection. While the artist does not specificaliy call upon Eastern philosophy for his Inspiration, he says that he believes in basic concepts that are similar to Eastern thought, including "a strong and profound connection to the natural, to the ground and to the earth, to the changing seasons and to a geologic sense of deep time. All of which put humans as one element of the earth rather than as the principle all-powerful controllers of the earth. This places humans within the natural order rather than above, as a part rather than apart."



"THE SPIRAL OF TIME": This work by James Fuhrman, subtitled "Gray to Yellow to Purple - See the Changes," is a maquette for a 4 x 16 x 16 painted steel sculpture. "Contemplative Spaces," part of the ongoing Outdoor Sculpture Program, will be situated between the Museum and the Bucks County Library Center from July 19 through October 26.

Mr. Fuhrman received artistic training at the University of Pennsylvania. Between 1979 and 1983 he studied Graham technique dance classes; the dance master Martha Graham said she found his sculptures "very evocative and beautiful in their space and proportion." The influence of this dance technique on Mr. Fuhrman is evident In the tense asymmetrical balance of his sculpture.

On July 18 at 7 p.m., during the exhibition opening reception (members free; non-members $15.00), internationally-known percussion artist Toshi Makihara continues his collaboration with Mr. Fuhrman's work through a special performance. By creating a new "sound art" using the sculptures as his sound source, the percussion performance is a dance in which the percussionist uses his body, hands, arms, and elbows as well as found-implements from whisks to super-ball mallets to create a series of non-regular, open-spaced sounds echoing the sculptor's process of constructing the sculpture. The effect recalls the study of Martha Graham's dance technique that underlies Mr. Fuhrman's work.

The sculptor will give a gallery talk about "Contemplative Spaces" in the Outdoor Sculpture Garden on Tuesday, July 22 at 1 p.m. This program is free and does not include Museum admission. Advance registration is required by calling (215) 340-9800.

The Museum's Outdoor Sculpture Program is sponsored by Fulton Bank. Annual support for the Museum is provided by The Pew Charitable Trusts, the Bucks County Commissioners and the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania Council on the Arts. Fabrication materials and installation for "Contemplative Spaces" was provided by Brandywine Valley Fabricators, Coatesville, Pennsylvania.

The James A. Michener Art Museum is located at 138 South Pine Street, Doylestown, and at 500 Union Square Drive in New Hope. Doylestown gallery hours: Tuesday through Friday, 10 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.; Saturday, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.; Sunday, 12 noon to 5 p.m. Galleries are closed Monday. Admission: members and children under six free; general admission $6.50, students (with current ID) $4, senior citizens age 60 and older $6. Main phone number: (215) 340-9800. Group tours: extension 140, School Tours: extension 124.

EMPHASIS ON ROCKINGHAM: Matthew Thurlow, installation coordinator for the American Wing of the Metropolitan Museum of Art, will be discussing furniture found at Rockingham when he explains what 18th-century American furniture reveals about life in revolutionary-era America. His lecture is entitled "Fighting for Independence While Decorating in the English Taste: Furniture in Revolutionary America" and will take place at Nassau Church at 61 Nassau Street in Princeton on July 12 at 2 p.m. A $5 donation will be suggested for the event.

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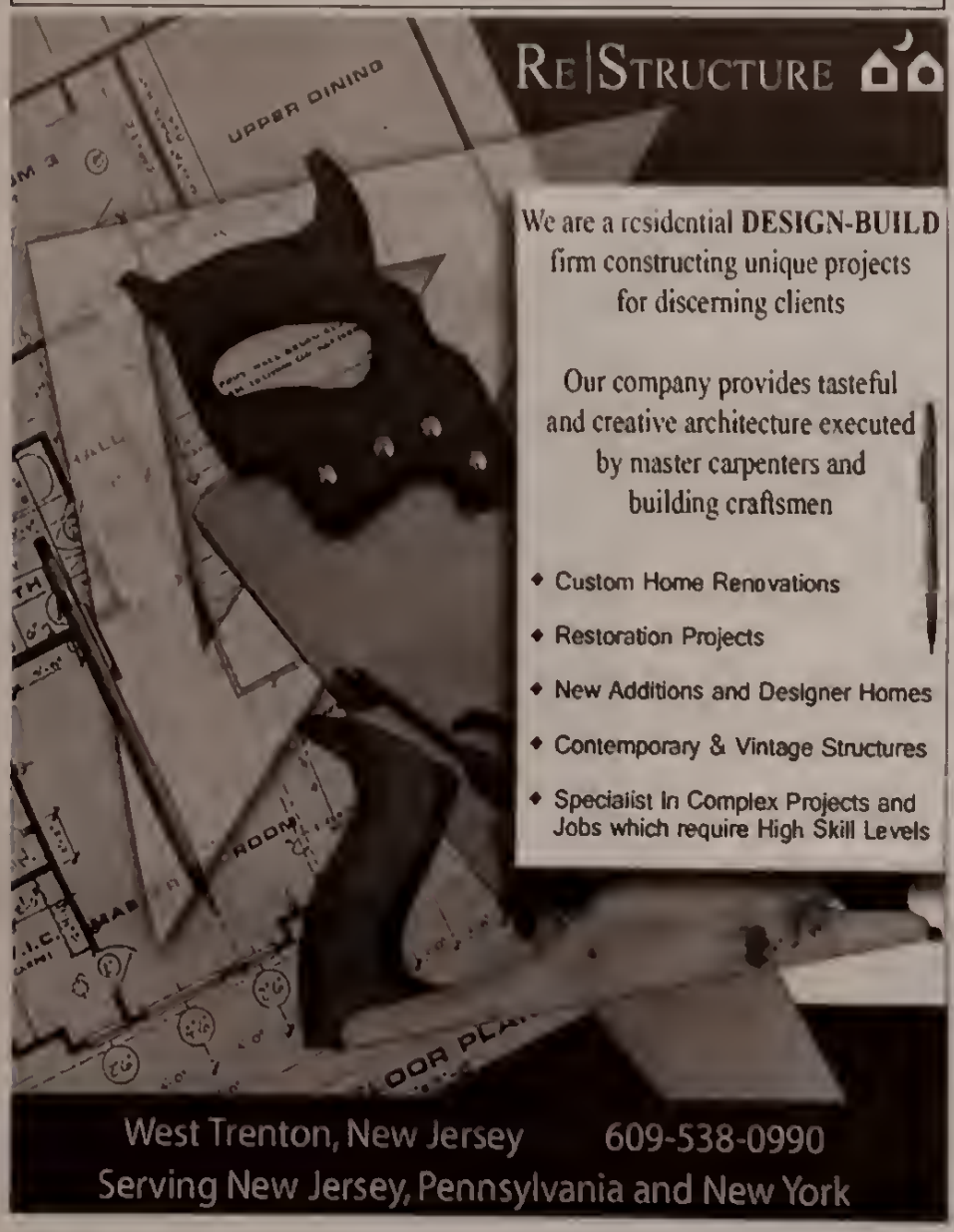

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"HAMILTON AVE": Kate Graves's bronze, concrete and steel work is from her "Zero Tolerance Area" series documenting five buildings in Trenton that she felt revealed "a civic social history involving slow cultural decline." She will be taking part in the "Urban Dwellings" panel on Thursday, June 26, from 7 to 8:30 p.m., with Manuel Acevedo, Eve Mantell, and Andrew Wilkinson. Her work is part of "Return: Home," the inaugural exhibit in the new Paul Robeson Center for the Arts, which will run through September 6.

Arts Council Presents Urban Dwellings Panel

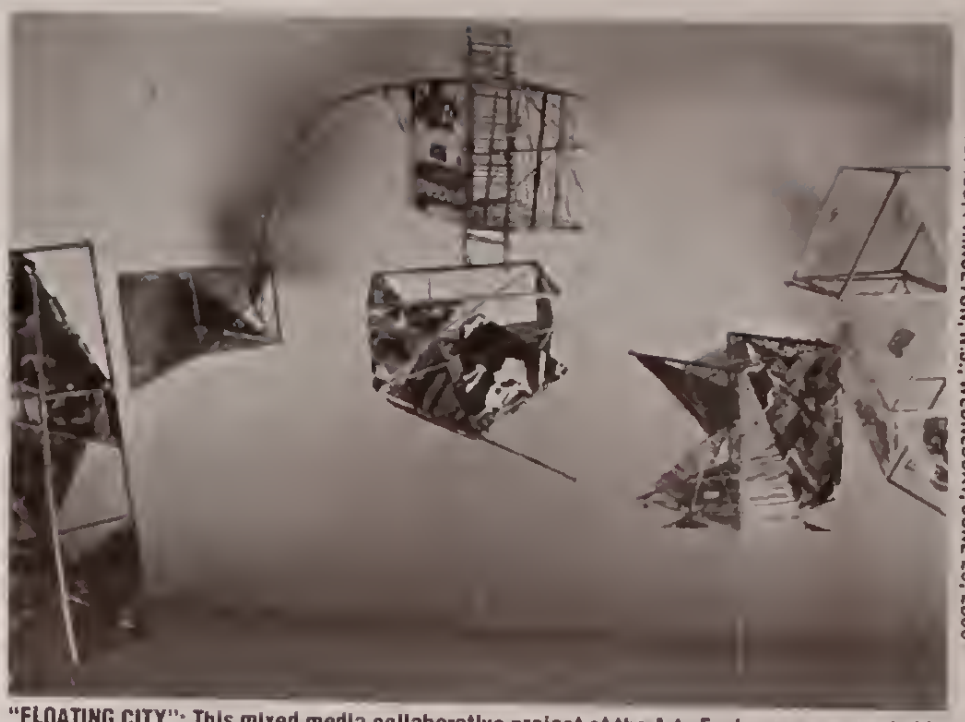
The Arts Council of Princeton will present "Urban Dwellings: Between Blight and Activism," a panel with artists Manuel Acevedo, Kate Graves, Eva Mantell and Andrew Wilkinson, on Thursday, June 26, from 7 to 8:30 p.m. Featured in "Return: Home," the inaugural exhibit in the new Paul Robeson Center for the Arts, the panel members explore the meaning of home in urban environments through artistic projects that often involve collaboration with residents in specific communities.

Newark-born artist, Manuel Acevedo, presents a series of photographs executed as part of a collaborative residency in Cleveland, Ohio. His photographs creatively merge the domestic spaces of Cleveland-area residents' homes with the public, post-industrial urban landscapes directly outside of their windows.

Sculptor Kate Graves's architecturally- inspired works on abandoned buildings in Trenton tell different stories of the past and present. Eva Mantell, an ACP faculty member, collaborates with HomeFront in Trenton, a weekly arts education program for youths. She allows these community members to re-envision the world in a series of imaginary birdhouse sculptures.

Andrew Wilkinson's project, commissioned for the Mercer Alliance to End Homelessness, seeks to raise consciousness about homelessness through a series of photographs of individuals in domestic interior environments transported to the street.

The panel discussion will take place in the Robeson Center's Robert L. Solley Theatre.



"FLOATING CITY": This mixed media collaborative project of the Arts Exchange program led by Eva Mantell is on view in "Return: Home,"which will be on view through September 6 at the new Paul Robeson Center for the Arts. Ms. Mantell will be participating in "Urban Dwellings: Between Blight and Activism," a panel with Manuel Acevedo, Kate Graves, and Andrew Wilkinson, on Thursday, June 26, from 7 to 8:30 p.m.

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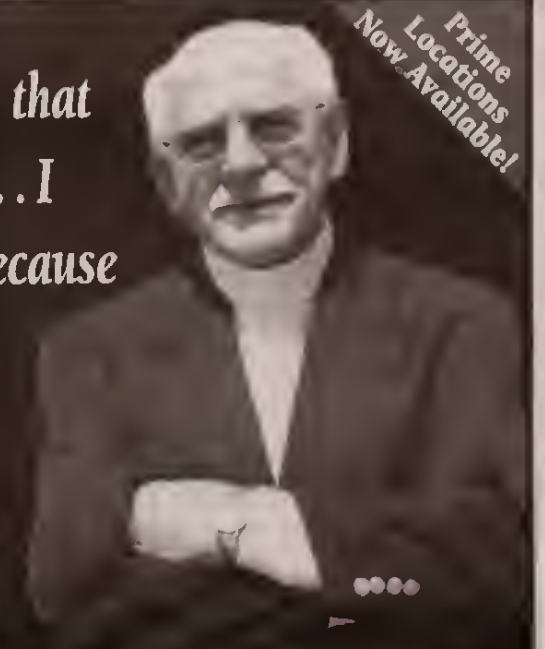
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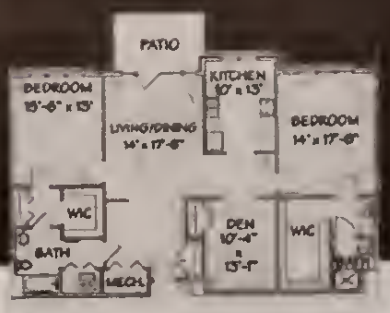

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Area Exhibits

Artists' Gallery in Lambertville is presenting a joint exhibit featuring Beatrice Bork and Taylor Oughton through July 6.

Artsbridge is hosting its 14th Annual Juried Show at the RiverRun Gallery in Lambertville, 287 Route 29 South (the Laceworks Building). The show will run through Saturday, June 29, daily from noon to 5, closed Tuesdays. All art work will be on sale.

The Arts Council of Princeton begins life in the new Paul Robeson Center for the Arts with "Return: Home," which features 11 New Jersey-affiliated artists who explore the meaning of "home" from personal, political, and cultural perspectives. Summer classes in the new Paul Robeson Center for the Arts began this month. For registration information visit www.artscouncilofprinceton.org.

ARTWORKS on Stockton Street in Trenton across from the DMV near the Rt. 1 & 129 on/off ramps is presenting "Points of Reference," featuring the work of five artists, which will run through June 29.

The Brodsky Center Gallery at the Heldrich Hotel and Conference Center, 10 Livingston Avenue in New Brunswick, is presenting "Passage to Jersey: Women Artists of the South Asian Diaspora in our Midst" through July 31. Featured artists are Siona Benjamin, Anuradha Das, Priya Kambli, Swati Khurana, and Ela Shah. The related exhibition, "Tiger by the Tail! Women Artists of India Transforming Culture — Part 1," will be on view, also through July 31, in the Mabel Smith Douglass Room at the Douglass Library, 8 Chapel Drive, New Brunswick.

The Coryell Gallery at the Porkyard, 8 Coryell Street in Lambertville, is hosting an exhibit of pastels by Pamela M. Miller and watercolors by Barbara G. Watts through June 29.

D&R Greenway in the Johnson Education Center at One Preservation Place in Princeton is hosting a special exhibition featuring historic photographs of the area alongside contemporary views of the same locations through September in the Marie L. Matthews Gallery at the Johnson Education Center. The exhibition is a collaboration with the Historical Society of Princeton and the Princeton Photography Club.

The Erdman Gallery at the Princeton Theological Seminary is presenting "Passion of Christ for Us" featuring paintings by Philip Lee Smith through Friday, July 11.

Firestone Library is presenting an exhibition of rare books, coins, medals, and manuscripts, "Numismatics in the Renaissance," in the main gallery through July 20. A show highlighting the artistic collaborations of French poet Paul Éluard and Catalan artist Joan Miró will run through Sunday, June 29, in the Leonard L. Milberg Gallery for the Graphic Arts.

Gallery 14 at 14 Mercer Street is presenting an exhibit by Moira Longino, and, in the Small Gallery, "Night," a Gallery 14 Group Exhibit. The exhibits run from June 27 to July 27. Meet the photographers at the Gallery on Sunday, July 27, from 1 to 3 p.m.

Grounds for Sculpture's Toad Hall Shop & Gallery is presenting "Variations in Clay," a group show featuring the artwork of Kathryn Hackl, Joe McCaffrey, Ruth Jourjine, and Jeanette Solomon through July 12. Sculptures by Peter Voulkos and Toshiko Takaezu are on view in the museum building. On view in the Domestic Arts Building are pieces by Peter Callas, Paul Chaleff, Robert T. Cooke, Takeao Okazaki, and Rudolph Serra. Outside, visitors will find work by Larry Estridge and Lila Katzen. The Tots on Tour program, where 3 to 5 year olds can learn about sculpture through interactive activities, takes place the third Saturday of every month, June through October at 11 a.m. Free with park admission, rain or shine. One adult must accompany each child. No reservations are necessary, but space is limited on a first-come, first-serve basis. Register and meet in the Visitors' Center. For more information on Grounds For Sculpture's Special Events, visit www.groundsforsculpture.org.

Historical Society of Princeton, Bainbridge House, 158 Nassau Street, is presenting an exhibition of Princeton in the 1930s that will run through July. A Curator Museum Tours, 300 years of Princeton History, is offered on Friday, June 27 at 3 p.m. Free admission, donations accepted. For more information, call (609) 921-6748 or visit www.princetonhistory.org.

The James A. Michener Art Museum in Doylestown is presenting "Lilli Gettinger: Memory Transformed" through August 3. Now open in the Wachovia Gallery is "Dog Dogs," a sampling from an extensive series by American photojournalist Elliott Erwitt; the tentative closing date, August 31, is subject to change due to an expansion project at the Museum. "Color: Ten African American Artists" will run in the Fred Beans Gallery through July 6. The museum is located at 138 South Pine Street in Doylestown. "Art and the River" is at the Della Penna Gallery in James A. Michener Museum in New Hope and will run through October 5.

The Jane Vorhees Zimmerli Art Museum in New Brunswick is presenting "New Narratives: Contemporary Art From India," an exhibition of 52 paintings, sculptures, photographs, video, and new media works, through July 31. "Art for the Dance: Russian Costume and Stage Designs from the Riabov Collection" and "Russian Dance: Selections from the Donation of Herbert and Ruth Schimmel," will be on view through July 31. "From Here to the Horizon: American Landscape Prints from Whistler to Celmins" will run through July 27. The Zimmerli is located at 71 Hamilton Street on the College Avenue campus of Rutgers University in New Brunswick.

The Lucas Gallery in the Lewis Center for the Arts at 185 Nassau Street will be hosting an exhibit featuring artwork by Princeton University technical staff through Sunday, July 13. The gallery will be closed on July 4. Hours are 10 a.m. to 7 p.m., Monday through Friday, 11 a.m. to 7 p.m. on Saturdays, and noon to 5 p.m. on Sundays.

Mercer County Community College's Gallery is presenting "Art All Over," which runs through July 3. The Gallery is located on the second floor of the Communications Building on MCCC's West Windsor campus at 1200 Old Trenton Road. Admission and all programs at The Gallery are free and open to the public.

Morven Museum & Garden is presenting "Picturing Princeton 1783: The Nation's Capital" through January 11, 2009.

The New Jersey State Museum at 205 West State Street in Trenton is celebrating the first phase of its reopening with "Culture in Context: A Tapestry of Expression," featuring pieces from more than two dozen New Jersey artists.

Queenstown Gallery at 24 West Broad Street in Hopewell, formerly the Hopewell Frame Shop's Gallery, is presenting a solo show of acrylic paintings by Susan Strazzella through late June.

The Ruth Morpeth Gallery at 43 West Broad Street in Hopewell is hosting "This Very Body," an exhibit by Hetty Baiz that will continue through June 30.

Small World Coffee is showing acrylic paintings by Jessica King at its 254 Nassau Street location through July 1. Hours are Monday – Saturday 7 a.m. to 6 p.m., Sunday 7:30 a.m. to 5 p.m.

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Princeton Festival Comes Into Its Own With Fourth Season Opener "La Bohéme"

It can take a new opera company or festival a decade to really get rolling. Granted, the Princeton Festival had a bit of a base from the former Opera Festival of New Jersey, but it was still a commendable surprise to see how far the company has come in its very polished production of Giacomo Puccini's *La Bohéme* on Saturday night at McCarter Theatre. The cast assembled for this production, which will be repeated June 27 and 29, was so natural in its interaction with each character that the audience felt immediately pulled into the drama.

La Bohéme is based on a typically 19th century tale of pathetic sickness and unrelenting sadness, yet the Princeton Festival interpretation of the French story (presented in Italian with English supertitles) found much warmth and humor in the camaraderie among the characters.

The four principal male characters of *La Bohéme* could have been Princeton University suitemates just as easily as flatmates and artisan friends in a poverty-stricken French Quarter. The characters of Colline and Schaunard, played by bass Stephen Bryant and baritone Matthew Hayward, respectively, were the perfect gossipy friends to detract artist Marcello and writer Rodolfo from their work. Mr. Bryant was effective as a character actor, and Mr. Hayward was a sufficiently smug and suave musician, as well as the only one who seemed to be bringing any money into the happy quartet.

Baritone Marcelo Guzzo, singing the role of Marcello, was passionate about his art work and love of Musetta and effectively struggled with his own demons and keeping his friend Rodolfo balanced. Singing in his native Italian also gave Mr. Guzzo a head start on successfully interpreting the text. Tenor Adam Diegel, singing the lead role of Rodolfo, clearly captured the audience with his vocal passion and ease onstage. With the looks of a young Charles Bronson and the sensitivity of every girl's favorite high school crush, Mr. Diegel sang his way into the hearts of both Mimi (Nicolle Foland) and the audience.

Although the initial meeting and immediate falling in love between Mimi and Rodolfo may have appeared a bit contrived by today's standards, the seemingly natural chemistry between Ms. Foland and Mr. Diegel made their scenes work well. Like Mr. Diegel, Ms. Foland sang with evenness and clarity up and down the register, and Ms. Foland's voice was especially well matched by the upper winds, including very sweet trilling flutes at one point.

Soprano Jennifer Zetlan portrayed Musetta, Marcello's on-again-off-again girlfriend, with humorous Paris Hilton-esque style, including a poufy dog. Ms. Zetlan sang with full control over her character's sauciness as she lured Marcello back into her web. Her dinner companion, Alcindoro, was sung by Jason Budd with true comprimario humor and flair.

In addition to great leads, the key to a good opera production is often in the background — what the "extraneous" characters are doing while the leads are carrying the scene. Director Steven LaCosse and Festival Artistic Director Richard Tang Yuk assembled onstage a large cast of adult and children choristers, all of whom were well-prepared and animated. The children's chorus, prepared by Dawn Golding, was especially solid and dynamic.

Large casts usually mean many costumes, and designer John Lehmeyer managed to find variety and authenticity in costuming this large number of people. *La Bohéme* was presented in four acts with an intermission between each to change the scenes. Although the combined intermission time was substantial, Alan Charles Klein's sets were complex, giving the performers a lot of room and many props with which to work.

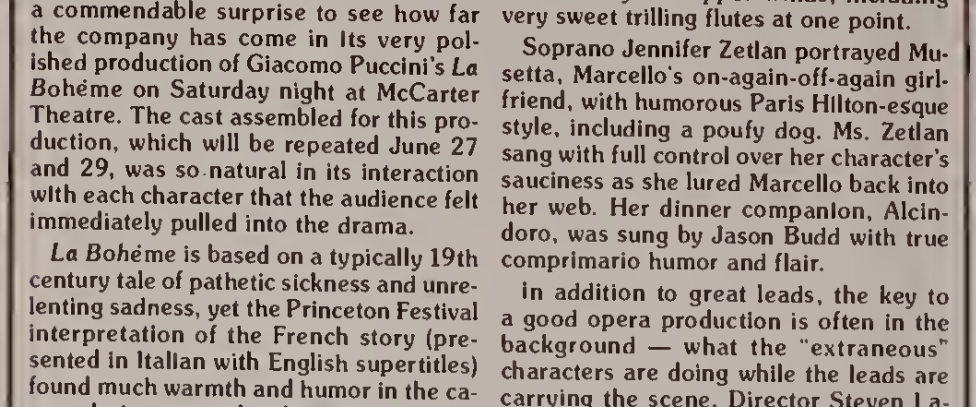
The orchestra assembled for this production proved to be solid and accurate, with the many internal instrumental solos played sensitively. Conductor Tang Yuk kept tempi moving along exceedingly well, and the orchestra remained unobtrusive, yet supporting.

Princeton Festival has chosen for the theme of its season this year "La Belle Èpoque," an era considered a "Golden Age" and an era of advancement.

With a full slate of performances scheduled over these weeks in June, Princeton Festival may be entering its own "belle èpoque" as the Festival leaves its infancy behind and reaches toward its full potential.

—Nancy Plum

La Bohéme will play on Friday June 27 at 8 p.m. and Sunday June 29 at 3 p.m. at McCarter Theatre. Ticket information can be obtained by calling (609) 537-0071 or visiting www.princetonfestival.org



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Five Free Concerts Set By New Jersey Symphony

Beginning Tuesday, July 1, the New Jersey Symphony Orchestra will continue its annual tradition of presenting free summer concerts in parks throughout New Jersey. Conducted by Jeffrey Grogan, the performances will include American classics by Anderson, Copland, Sousa, Gershwin, and Rodgers. Audiences will hear uniquely American music during the concerts spread through Independence Day week.

The free concerts will take place at 7:30 p.m. on the following dates:

- Wednesday, July 2, at Echo Lake Park in Westfield.
- Thursday, July 3, at Brookdale Park in Montclair.
- Saturday, July 5, at Mercer County Park, West Windsor.
- Sunday, July 6 at Mountain View Park in Middlesex Borough.

Fireworks displays will accompany all performances except the July 2 concert in Echo Lake Park.

The program, an all-American salute to summer, will kick off with "American Salute," "America the Beautiful," and "Armed Forces Salute." The program's first half will include works by Leroy Anderson and Aaron Copland, and close with John Philip Sousa's "The Thunderer March."

After intermission, the Symphony will celebrate the American musical with medleys of melodies by George Gershwin and Richard Rogers.

Mr. Grogan, director of the Greater Newark Youth Orchestra, came to the post of Education & Community Engagement Conductor of the New Jersey Symphony Orchestra from his position as director of orchestras and associate professor at the Ithaca College School of Music (New York). He has performed at Carnegie Hall, the New Jersey Performing Arts Center, the Meyerson Symphony Center in Dallas, and Ireland's National Concert Hall in Dublin. This season, his engagements include appearances with the New Jersey Symphony Orchestra, University of Illinois Orchestra, Oregon All-State Orchestra, and California All-State Festival Orchestra.

Led by Music Director Neeme Järvi, the New Jersey Symphony Orchestra brings its programs each year to seven different venues throughout the state, and will add an eighth — the Paper Mill Playhouse in Millburn — for the 2008–09 season. For additional information, visit www.njsymphony.org or call (800) 255-3476.

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Dancing In The Dark With Cyd Charisse

Perhaps the greatest female movie dancer. Her acting is like the songs in Marx Brothers films.

—David Thomson on Cyd Charisse

You could say as much for The *Band Wagon* (1953), one of the greatest movie musicals in spite of less than steliar acting, peppy but uninspired dialogue, and a silly premise involving a musical version of *Faust* that stars an aging song and dance man and a snooty ballerina. To be fair to Cyd Charisse, who died last week at 86, the problem with her portrayal of the supposed prima donna isn't a question of acting but of temperament; there's an essential sweetness in her that keeps shining through, which is well and good because once she and Fred Astaire sort things out, she's luminous. "Dancing conveys emotions denied to her as an actress," says Thomson, stating the obvious in his *Biographical Dictionory of Film*. Isn't that what dancing's all about? No words; no impediments like accent or phrasing; no quirks of diction; when it's working, it's pure, exalted pantomime.

The sorting out takes place at night in Central Park, where the ballerina and the hoofer go to escape from the madness of rehearsing for what is clearly a doomed production. They've settled back in a horse-drawn carriage for a ride around the park, nothing romantic, just a bit of fun, a chance to get to know one another; it's like a first date. When they hear music playing, they get out of the carriage and follow the sound to an outdoor bandstand and dancing area. The melody is haunting, soft and sweet, with a quality of romantic anticipation; it's like a gentler form of the music Berlioz wrote for Romeo and Juliet to fall in love to, and it's being played by a small orchestra for couples who are dancing the way couples do "in real life," not in an M-G-M movie. As the director Vincente Minnelli's daughter Liza puts it in the commentary accompanying the *Band Wagon* DVD, her father's goal was to "put music into real life" and never to lose sight of the humanity at the center of a musical sequence.

Minnelli, however, is mad for color; he's surely the most technicolor-conscious of all Hollywood directors. The water the horse is drinking at the beginning of the Central Park sequence, for example, is as deep and dark a blue as the deep blue night sky, an image so striking it inspired the title of a book about film (Murray Pomerance's *The Horse that Drank the Sky*). When you see the blueness, you know something magical is on the way. It helps that the director has been there before. Minnelli's 1945 wartime romance, *The Clock*, contains a tender, beautifully underplayed Central Park love scene between Judy Garland and Robert Walker. In that film, the couple — a soldier and an office worker — have just met.

In *The Band Wagon* the couple standing outside watching the dancers may be the supreme performers in the medium of the dance, but Minnelli's human touch makes them appear in that moment like "a real couple," in effect, watching real couples really dancing. All ages, the dancers dance on as the two stars pass, almost shyly, among them. The casual, understated way they move throughout this prelude to their own dance is what makes the scene so quietly powerful. This is something better than acting; the delicate equilibrium between art and artlessness is touching to behold, all the more so when the two appear again, alone, rounding a corner, thoughtfully strolling. They're already dancing and yet they aren't; it's what they're both thinking about because they've not yet been able to find a balance between their two styles of dance in the show. So even though they appear to be idly, if musingly in motion, their footsteps are measured, and they're moving in unison. They've been growing closer all this time with no visible, explicit indication of intimacy, no touching, no holding hands. Astaire takes her elbow once, but only briefly, to guide her as they wind their away through the dancing couples. When

Charisse makes the first move, it's as natural as if she were stepping around a pool of rainwater. Speaking in the commentary, Liza Minnelli, who saw the scene being filmed when she was a six-year-old, interprets that first step as Charisse thinking: "Let's try." Astaire takes a step that mirrors his partner's, and as "Dancing in the Dark" begins to play on the soundtrack in Conrad Salinger's renowned arrangement, the formal dance truly begins. Yet even as their movements become stately and brilliant and breathtaking, the scene sustains the subtle spontaneity it began with, shared thought becoming shared movement. They stop at one point, and seem ready to simply walk on, but the spell of the dance pulls them back again. "They can't help dancing now," says the director's daughter. "They're falling in love." She also rightly points out the way Fred Astaire always gives the impression that he's "making it up on the spot." As the couple settles back down in their carriage, holding hands this time, Liza exclaims to her co-commentator, Michael Feinstein: "Pure Minnelli! Because music, which is in everybody's life, and movement, which is in everybody's life, just goes back — to life!"

On one of the special features accompanying the DVD of *The Band Wagon*, Cyd Charisse says that of all the scenes she ever did, the "Dancing in the Dark" sequence is her favorite. There are other wonders in the film — Astaire softly and inimitably talking/singing "I'll go my way by myself"; the Penny Arcade number that ends with Fred finding the secret of the mystery machine (which erupts in a gorgeous neon fireworks display of Minnelli madness); and the astonishing Girl Hunt sequence, where Mickey Spillane, Raymond Chandler, film noir, and Fred Astaire as a white-suited private eye come together with the choreography of Michael Kidd. Playing both the blonde victim and the femme fatale brunette, Charisse communicates a potent and playful eroticism; once again, her wholesomeness and humanity come shining through regardless of the gaudy trappings.

Charisse was never a top-tier star, never in the same league with Rita Hayworth or Ginger Rogers, or even Ava Gardner, who makes a cameo appearance in *The Band Wagon*. And while she was certainly no match for Greta Garbo, she memorably reprised Garbo's Ninotchka role in *Silk Stockings* (1957). If you want evidence of her genius as the dancer Fred Astaire called "beautiful dynamite," check out the version of her solo ecstasy in *Silk Stockings* on YouTube.

Turner Classic Movies is paying tribute to Cyd Charisse on June 27, starting at 8 p.m. with *Singin' in the Rain*, followed by *The Band Wagon* and *Silk Stockings*.

—Stuart Mitchner

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Yardley Players Offering "Oliver" at Kelsey Theatre

The Tony Award winning Lionel Bart musical *Oliver* will be given a two-weekend run by the Yardley Players at Mercer County Community College's Kelsey Theatre next month. Performances will be Fridays, July 11 and 18 at 8 p.m., Saturdays, July 12 and 19 at 2 and 7 p.m., and Sundays, July 13 and 20 at 2 p.m.

Based on Charles Dickens' classic *Oliver Twist*, the musical is the tale of a young orphaned boy who is forced from his dreary London workhouse to an equally dreary life as an undertaker's apprentice. Managing to run away, he is befriended by the precocious pickpocket, the Artful Dodger. Soon the innocent Oliver finds himself part of an underworld network of thieves, both comic and menacing. But he is destined for a better life if fate will allow. With a cast of colorful characters and an award-winning musical score, the show has captured the hearts of millions since it was adapted for both stage and screen in the 1960s.

The Yardley Players' production will star Matthew Blazejewski of Trenton in the title role, Linda Ashton of West Trenton as Mrs. Sowerberry, Ian Callahan of Yardville as Noah Claypole, Toni Campbell of Trenton as Widow Corney, Andrew Clark of Lawrenceville as the Artful Dodger, Del Howard of Lawrenceville as Fagin, Jennifer Jacob of Washington Crossing, Pa. as Nancy, Jeannie LaPoll of Levittown, Pa. as Mrs. Bedwin, Ken McCormick of Hamilton as Mr. Bumble, Laura Murey of Hamilton as Bet, Dan Slothower of Plainsboro as Dr. Grimwig, Walter Smyth of Trevose, Pa. as Mr. Sowerberry, Wayne Wood of Fairless Hills, Pa. as Mr. Brownlow, and Joe Zedeny of Somerset as Bill Sykes.

Also in the cast will be Ethan and Simon Hamilton of Princeton, Kavya Pochiraju of Princeton Junction, Jillian Ashcraft of Pennington, and Caroline Purdy of Cranbury.

Ensemble dancers will include Marisa Desa and Beverly Kuo-Hamilton of Princeton, Michele Kole of Hillsborough, Kathleen Kutalek of Hightstown, Soloman Mason and Gianna Miranda of Ewing, Lisa Reifschneider of Pennington, Carol Henderson of Hamilton, and Mollie Rubinstein of West Windsor.

The show will be directed by Marge Swider, with musical direction by Pat Masterson and choreography by Paula Matthews.

Tickets are $16 for adults, $14 for seniors, and $12 for students and children, and are available online at www.kelseytheatre.net or by calling the Kelsey box office at (609) 570-3333.

The Kelsey Theatre is located on the college's West Windsor campus at 1200 Old Trenton Road. Other shows in the Kelsey Theatre Summer Series will be *The Fantasticks* from July 25 to August 3 and *Winnie the Pooh* from August 15 to August 24.

"Bus Stop" Due Tomorrow At Student-Run Theater

Princeton Summer Theater, the all-student theater company based on the Princeton University campus, will open its second show of the current season, William Inge's *Bus Stop*, tomorrow at the Hamilton Murray Theater. Performances will be Thursday and Friday at 8 p.m., Saturday at 2 and 8 p.m., and Sunday at 2 p.m., this weekend and next.

Bus Stop premiered in the 1950s at McCarter Theater. Following a successful run on Broadway, it was eventually made into a classic movie starring Marilyn Monroe.

The PST production, directed by Whitney Mosiery '08, will feature a cast from Princeton and New York University's Stella Adler Studio of Acting.

The play takes place in the middle of Kansas during a March blizzard. The roads are blocked, and the 2 a.m. bus to Topeka has to stop at Grace's bus stop. Off comes Cherie, a singer from Kansas City who is on her way to marry Bo in Montana. In from the cold comes an inebriated Dr. Lyman, who has eyes for Grace's waitress Elma. The plot soon involves the bus driver, Carl; the local sheriff, Will; and a cowboy, Vergil.

The box office may be reached at (609) 258-7062. For more information, visit www.PrincetonSummerTheater.org.

Off-Broadstreet Offering "Jack & The Beanstalk"

The Off-Broadstreet Theatre in Hopewell will present two performances of *Jack & The Beanstalk* for children this weekend, on Friday, June 27 at 10 a.m. and Saturday, June 28 at 10:30 a.m. The show is tailored for children 2½ to 7.

The classic story is of Jack and the magical beans that grow a stalk to a land of the giant. Will Jack be able to help the young serving girl currently stuck in this kingdom? The Off-Broadstreet production encourages children to join in the fun, booing the villain and helping out the hero or heroine. The cast of *Jack & The Beanstalk* will be led by OBT artistic director Robert Thick, and include veteran Children's Theatre performers Melissa Rittman of Ewing and Joe Sabatio of Burlington.

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Dance Show World Premiere Scheduled at State Theatre

New Brunswick's State Theatre has announced that it will host the world premiere of *Ballroom!*, a new production featuring the reigning world and U.S. dancing champions, on Friday and Saturday, July 18 and 19. Performances will be Friday, July 18 at 8 p.m. and Saturday, July 19, at 3 and 8 p.m.

The dancers featured in *Ballroom!* have won numerous championships and have appeared in many television shows and films.

The dance couple of Jose Decamps and Joanna Zacharewicz are the reigning U.S Rhythm Champions, which aired on PBS's *America's Ballroom Challenge*. Their success in national and international competitions also earned them a recent guest appearance on ABC's *Dancing with the Stars* in April.

Dancers Tomas Mielnicki and J.T. Thomas are the reigning World and U.S. Ballroom Champions and North American Smooth Champions. They have also been featured performers in *Dancing with the Stars*, Disney's *Enchanted*, and PBS's *America's Ballroom Challenge*.

The dance duo of Kelvin Roche and Lorl Ann Greenhouse, the reigning World Hustle Champions, are recognized also for their roles in the recent films *El Contonte* with Marc Anthony and Jennifer Lopez, and Disney's *Enchanted*.

Other featured dancers on the program will be 17-year-old Tal Livshitz and 18-year-old Kate Kapshandy, U.S.A. Dance Nationals Latin Amateur finalists; U.S.A. Dance Nationals Latin Amateur Adult finalists Inna Brayer and Pasha Pashkov; the husband and wife team of Russ Wilder and Katusha Wilder, 2008 Rising Stars Champions of the Florida Superstars Dance Sport Championships; and the 2008 U.S.A. Dance National Dancesport Junior 1 Champion, 12-year-old Austin Joson of Old Bridge, N.J. and his partner, 13-year-old Elizabeth Lakovitisky.

The show will also include an amateur competition onstage, for which the State Theatre is currently seeking 36 amateur couples interested in performing in the Latin competition and the Smooth competition. Those interested in competing should mail their submissions to Ballroom Competition, State Theatre, 11 Livingston Avenue, New Brunswick 08901 or email twise@statetheatrenj.org.

For tickets, which range from $25 to $50, call the State Theatre box office at (732) 246-7469 or visit www.StateTheatreNJ.org.

Correction

A photo caption in the June 18 issue of Town Topics incorrectly identified Opera New Jersey performers Benjamin Bunsold and Alison Trainer as appearing this summer in the company's production of *Pirates of Penzonce*. The couple appeared in that Opera New Jersey show last summer, but will perform this summer as Valencienne and Camille in Lehár's The Merry Widow.

Senior Resource Center Sponsoring Free Movies

A "Beat the Heat" series of movies for seniors sponsored by the Princeton Senior Resource Center will begin July 2 at the Suzanne Patterson Building and continue on nine Wednesdays throughout July and August. The 1 p.m. screenings will be free, but registration is requested by calling (609) 924-7108.

The schedule is as follows.

- July 2: *Silent Wings*, a documentary about the critical role American glider pilots played in World War II.
- July 9: *Pittsburgh*, a comedy starring Jeff Goldblum as a Hollywood superstar who puts his career on hold in order to win a green card for his Canadian fiancée.
- July 16: *No Country for Old Men*, the recent winner of four Oscars about a hunter who stumbles upon some dead bodies, a stash of heroin, and $2 million in cash near the Rio Grande.
- July 23, *Mod Money*, crime caper with Diane Keaton, Queen Latifah, and Katie Holmes as three employees of the Federal Reserve who plot to steal money that is about to be destroyed.
- July 30: *Kite Runner*, critically acclaimed film about a Californian, Amir, who returns to his homeland in Afghanistan to help his old friend Hassan and Hassan's troubled son.
- August 6: *The Jone Austen Book Club*, about six Californians who start a club to discuss the works of Jane Austen, only to find that their own relationships are beginning to resemble those in Austen's novels.
- August 13: *Bucket List*, in which Jack Nicholson and Morgan Freeman play two terminally ill men who escape from a cancer ward and head off on a road trip with a wish list of to-dos before they die.
- August 20: *The Diving Bell & the Butterfly*, the Oscar-nominated true story of Elle editor Jean-Dominique Bauby, who suffered a stroke and had to live with an almost totally paralyzed body.
- August 27: *Jesse Jomes*, starring Brad Pitt as the outlaw and folk hero who led the notorious James-Younger gang until his death in 1882.

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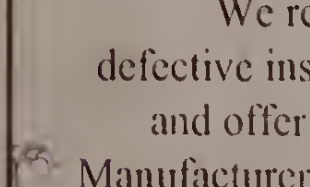
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CINEMA REVIEW

Get Smart

"Sorry About That" But Steve Carrell Is No Don Adams

Get Smart, which enjoyed a five-year run on TV from 1965 to 1970, was a sidesplitting spoof of the James Bond character and the rest of the international espionage genre. Created by Mel Brooks and Buck Henry, the program starred the late Don Adams in the title role as Maxwell Smart, aka Agent 86, and Barbara Feldon as his sultry sidekick, Agent 99. As spies for CONTROL, a CIA style government agency, their weekly mission was to protect the Free World from their evil Cold War counterparts working for KAOS.

Steve Carrell has been tapped to play Maxwell Smart in the screen adaptation, a two-hour waste of time that has fewer laughs than any one of the half-hour episodes of the original television show. Director Peter Segal has decided to overhaul a hilarious over-the-top parody, that never was intended to be taken seriously, into a dramatic adventure with intermittent comic relief.

Agent Smart still employs stock catchphrases such as "Missed it by that much" and "Would you believe...?," and he also has some of the old gadgetry at his disposal such as the confounding Cone of Silence. In addition, many beloved characters have also been brought back, including The Chief (Alan Arkin), Agent Larabee (David Koechner), stowaway specialist Agent 13 (Bill Murray), Hymie the Robot (Patrick Warburton), and KAOS villains Siegfried (Terrence Stamp) and Shtarker (Ken Davitian). Notable cast additions include The Rock as Agent 23, Terry Crews as Agent 91, and James Caan as the President of the United States.

However, because this version emphasizes action and special effects rather than humor, the jokes are few and far between. Another irritation is the profanity and off color content which will undoubtedly seem inappropriate to anyone familiar with the original television series. But the film's biggest failing is that Steve Carrell doesn't even try to deliver his lines with the same pithy pizzazz which made Adams' embodiment of the character so memorable.

The nostalgia factor aside, perhaps the picture's most offensive scene involves a re-enactment of Catherine Zeta Jones' memorable moment in *Entrapment* (1999). In *Get Smart*, we see Agent 99 (Anne Hathaway) in a form fitting dress undulating sensuously through a room full of laser beams, trying to avoid setting off the alarm. Is the passage of nine years enough time to plagiarize a famous scene and think no one would notice? How unoriginal!

99, WE'RE IN THIS UP TO OUR NECKS THIS TIME!: Agent 86, Maxwell Smart (Steve Carrell, right) is stating the obvious to his partner Agent 99 (Anne Hathaway) when they once again find themselves in another impossible situation from which they will bumble their way to an escape by, as always, turning lemons into lemonade.

This reincarnation of *Get Smart* neither does justice to the TV show nor to any of the cinema classics from which it borrows ideas, such as *True Lies*, *The Spy Who Loved Me*, *Moonraker*, and *Dr. Strangelove*.

Fair (★). Rated PG-13 for violence, profanity, and crude humor. In English and Russian with subtitles. Running time: 110 minutes. Studio: Warner Brothers.

—Kam Williams

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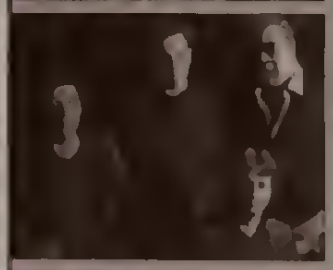

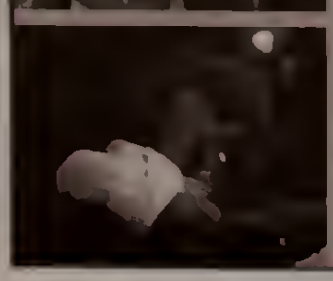

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The Children of Huong Shi (R for violence and disturbing images). Historical drama, set in China in 1937, chronicles the real-life exploits of George Hogg (Jonathan Rhys-Meyers), a British journalist who, with the help of an Australian nurse (Radha Mitchell) and a leader of the resistance movement (Chow Yun Fat), saves sixty orphans from the clutches of Japanese invaders by leading them on a perilous trek through the mountains to the Mongolian border. Suspiciously similar to the 1958 screen classic *The Inn of the Sixth Happiness*. (In English, Mandarin, Japanese, and Russian with subtitles).

The Chronicles of Nornia: Prince Caspion (PG for violence and epic battle scenes). Based on the second of the C.S. Lewis series of children's fantasy novels, this sequel sends the four Pevensie siblings (William Moseley, Anna Popplewell, Skandar Keynes, and Georgie Henley) on another time-traveling adventure to a magical land – on this occasion to help overthrow an evil king (Sergio Castellitto) so that the exiled, rightful heir (Ben Barnes) might ascend to the throne. Cast includes Liam Neeson, Tilda Swinton, and Eddie Izzard.

Get Smart (PG-13 for violence, profanity, and crude humor). Screen adaptation of the sixties spy sitcom stars Steve Carrell as Maxwell Smart, aka Secret Agent 86. Gadget-driven, slapstick adventure pits the bumbling Smart and fellow CONTROL agents against Kaos, an evil crime syndicate masterminded by Siegfried (Terrence Stamp) and bent on world domination. Cast includes Anne Hathaway as 99, Alan Arkin as the Chief, David Koechner as Larabee, The Rock as Agent 23, and Bill Murray as Agent 13.

The Hoppening (R for violent and disturbing images). M. Night Shyamalan directs this sci-fi thriller about a teacher (Mark Wahlberg) who escapes to the Pennsylvania countryside with his estranged wife (Zooey Deschanel) in an effort to avoid the airborne toxin which has been causing people in cities to commit suicide. With John Leguizamo, Ashlyn Sanchez, and Spencer Breslin.

The Incredible Hulk (PG-13 for action violence, frightening sci-fi images, and brief suggestive content). Edward Norton replaces Eric Bana as the Marvel Comics superhero in a screen adaptation which totally overhauls the cast from Ang Lee's 2003 production while also ignoring the original's plot. Here, the Hulk seeks a cure for the condition which causes him to morph into a giant green monster when stressed. New cast includes Liv Tyler, William Hurt, Tim Roth, Robert Downey Jr., and Tim Blake Nelson, with cameos by Stan Lee and Lou Ferrigno.

Indiono Jones and the Kingdom of the Crystol Skull (PG-13 for violence and scary images). Harrison Ford returns for a fourth adventure as the famed archeologist, set in 1957 in the jungles of Peru, in a desperate race against Russian spies to find an ancient artifact said to hold the key to a host of magical powers. Spielberg directed cast includes Cate Blanchett, Shia LaBeouf, Ray Winstone, Jim Broadbent, John Hurt, and Karen Allen.

Iron Mon (PG-13 for intense violence and brief suggestive content). Screen adaptation of the Marvel Comics series features Robert Downey Jr. in the title role as a billionaire industrialist and genius inventor turned crime-fighting superhero intent on saving the planet from evil villains bent on world domination. Cast includes Gwyneth Paltrow, Terrence Howard, and Samuel L. Jackson, with a cameo by the character's creator, Stan Lee.

Kit Kittredge: An American Girl (G). Depression era drama, inspired by the illustrated children's novel of the same name by Valerie Tripp, stars Abigail Breslin as a spunky nine year old who, with the help of her friends, sets out to solve the string of robberies around Cincinnati which has left her already cash-strapped family facing foreclosure. With Joan Cusack, Julia Ormond, Jane Krakowski, Stanley Tucci, and Willow Smith.

Kung Fu Pondo (PG for martial arts action). Animated comedy about a clumsy panda bear (Jack Black) working as a waiter in his family's noodle restaurant who is called upon to fulfill an ancient Chinese prophecy by defending his idyllic, peaceful homeland from a menacing snow leopard (Ian McShane) threatening the kingdom. Voice cast includes Dustin Hoffman, Lucy Liu, Jackie Chan, Angelina Jolie, Michael Clarke Duncan, and Seth Rogen.

The Love Guru (PG-13 for sexuality, profanity, slapstick violence, crude humor, and drug references). Mike Myers comedy vehicle about an orphan abandoned at an ashram in India who employs some unorthodox therapeutic methods upon his return to the U.S. as a relationship advice expert. Cast includes Jessica Alba, Jessica Simpson, Jessica Barrow, Meagan Good, Sir Ben Kingsley, Vern Troyer, and Justin Timberlake.

Mongol (R for graphically-depicted battle sequences). Bloody bio-pic revisits the transformation of a lowly slave named Temudgin (Tadanobu Asano) into Genghis Khan (1162-1227), the legendary warrior who would unite numerous, nomadic, northeast Asian tribes en route to conquering half the world and creating the largest empire in history by 1206. (In Mongolian with subtitles).

The Promotion (R for profanity, sexual references, and drug use). Workplace comedy pits a couple of Chicago grocery store assistant managers (Sean William Scott and John C. Reilly) against each other as they vie for a managerial position at the chain's new location. Cast includes *Saturday Night Live*'s Fred Armisen, Masi Oka, and Spo.

Sex ond the City (R for profanity, sexuality, and graphic nudity). Screen adaptation of the popular HBO series picks up four years after the show ended, with all the leading ladies (Sarah Jessica Parker, Kim Cattrall, Cynthia Nixon, and Kristin Davis) as well as the four objects of their affections (David Elgenberg, Evan Handler, Chris Noth, and Jason Lewis) reprising their original roles in a candid romp updating their relationships. Cast includes Candace Bergen, Jennifer Hudson, and comedian Mario Cantone.

The Strongers (R for violence, terror, and profanity). Hair-raising horror flick about a young couple (Liv Tyler and Scott Speedman) whose vacation retreat to a remote country cottage turns into a bloody battle for survival after a home invasion by three sadistic masked strangers. With Gemma Ward, Kip Weeks, and Laura Margolis.

Then She Found Me (R for profanity and sexuality). Helen Hunt makes her script-writing and directorial debut and stars in this dramatic comedy about a New York City schoolteacher who, saddened by the death of her adoptive mother (Lynn Cohen) and abandoned by her husband (Matthew Broderick), gets a new lease on life when she's courted by the father (Colin Firth) of one of her students and also tracked down by the birth mother (Bette Midler) she never knew. Featuring a cameo by Salman Rushdie.

The Visitor (PG-13 for brief profanity). Sophomore offering from actor-turned-director Thomas McCarthy (*The Station Agent*), a quirky ensemble drama revolving around a jaded professor (Richard Jenkins) at a college in Connecticut who heads to New York to attend a conference only to find a young couple from Senegal (Danai Jekesai Gurira) and Syria (Haaz Sleiman) living in his pied-a-terre.

WALL-E (G). Disney/Pixar animation collaboration revolving around a robot left on Earth after it's evacuated due to pollution. He falls in love with the fembot sent back by humans to retrieve the last plant on the planet. Featuring computer-generated sounds augmented by a voice cast which includes Jeff Garlin, Sigourney Weaver, Fred Willard, and John Ratzenberger.

Wanted (R for sexuality, pervasive profanity and graphic violence). Sci-fi thriller about a slacker (James McAvoy) recruited to join a secret society of vigilantes following his father's murder by a sexy assassin (Angelina Jolie). Cast includes Morgan Freeman, Terence Stamp, and Common.

Wor, Inc. (R for violence, profanity, and brief sexuality). Political satire about the efforts of a former American Vice-President (Dan Aykroyd) to monopolize the economy of a mythical, war-torn nation on behalf of a corporation by hiring a hit man (John Cusack) to kill a Middle Eastern oil minister. With Joan Cusack, Marisa Tomei, Hilary Duff, and Ben Kingsley.

You Don't Mess with the Zohon (PG-13 for nudity, profanity, sexuality, and crude humor). Action comedy starring Adam Sandler in the title role as an Israeli secret agent who fakes his own death to pursue his lifelong dream of becoming a beautician in New York City. Cast includes John Turturro, Rob Schneider, Kevin James, Henry Winkler, Talia Shire, George Takei, Mariah Carey, Dave Matthews, Lainie Kazan, Charlotte Rae, and Shelley Berman.

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Week of June 17-June 23

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THE RAPE OF EUROPA
Fri-Thurs: 2:00, 4:35, 7:10, 9:45 (NR)

SEX AND THE CITY
Fri-Thurs: 4:20, 9:30 (R)

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Mon, June 30:
7:00, 9:30
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7:00
Wed-Thurs, July 2-3:
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MONGOL
Fri, June 27:
4:00, 6:40, 9:15
Sat-Sun, June 28-29:
1:00, 3:40, 6:40, 9:20
Mon, June 30:
6:45, 9:30
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Mongol (R) Fri., 4, 6:40, 9:15; Sat.-Sun., 1, 3:40, 6:40, 9:20; Mon., 6:45, 9:30; Tues., 9:30; Weds. & Thurs., 6:30
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Mongol (R) (Mongolian w/English subtitles) Fri.-Thurs., 1:45, 4:25, 7:05, 9:45
Children of Hueng Shi (R) (English/Japanese/Mandarin) Fri.-Thurs., 1:50, 4:30, 7:10, 9:50
The Rape of Europa (NR) Fri.-Thurs., 2, 4:35, 7:10, 9:45
Sex end the City (R) Fri.-Thurs., 4:20, 9:30
Then She Found Me (R) Fri.-Thurs., 2:05, 7:15
The Visitor (PG13) Fri.-Thurs., 2:25, 4:50, 7:15, 9:40
When Did You Lest See Your Father? (R) Fri.-Thurs., 2:50, 5:05, 7:20, 9:35

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Sports

Princeton Swimming Superstar Aemisegger Primed for Big Effort at U.S. Olympic Trials

Last summer, Princeton University swimming superstar Alicia Aemisegger learned some valuable lessons as she went to Asia and competed in the World University Games.

"It was an awesome experience; we went to Singapore and Thailand," said Aemisegger, a rising Princeton junior who placed fourth in both the 200 and 400 individual medley championship finals.

"I swam next to the 2004 gold and silver medalist in one race; it was nervewracking and exciting. It helped my nerves and my confidence."

This week, Aemisegger will look to apply those lessons as she competes in the U.S. Olympic Swimming Trials in Omaha, Neb. which run from June 29-July 6.

The 20-year-old native of Oreland, Pa. knows that she will have to harness her emotions if she is to get the most out of her potential and earn a spot on the U.S. Team for the Beijing Summer Olympics in August.

"I'm really excited," said Aemisegger, who plans to compete in the 200 and 400 IM events and may add another race to the mix since she has qualified in other events.

"Of course I'm nervous but I'm trying not to think about it. I just want to come out of it knowing that I did my best. It's really tough, only the top two in each event make it so we'll see."

Aemisegger certainly gave her best this past winter in her sophomore year for Princeton. Dominating the competition, Aemisegger helped Princeton rise to No. 18 in the national polls and fed off the team's special chemistry.

"I did what I had to do as a freshman and I wanted to do it better as a sophomore," said Aemisegger in looking back on her sophomore season.

"The team was great, it was like a family, to have seven people at the NCAAs from an Ivy team is great, I don't know when that has happened before."

The versatile Aemisegger capped the regular season by leading Princeton to its third straight title at the Ivy League Championships, getting named as the Swimmer of the Meet for the second straight year after winning the 500, 1,000, and 1,650 freestyle races and helping the Tigers to victory in the 800 free relay.

"It was so fun to see my teammates make the NCAAs and to see their hard work pay off and overcome doubts they may have had," said Aemisegger in reflecting on the Ivy meet.

"The 1650 was my best mile ever; I was really happy with the 200 I swam in the 800 relay. It was great to see the relay team drop time and make the NCAAs."

The NCAA meet turned out to be a survival test for Aemisegger who took ill the week before the competition.

"I had the flu the week before; I was out of the water for four days," recalled Aemisegger, who placed fourth in both the 500 free and 400 IM and took eighth in the 1,650 free and was later named the Division I Women's Mid-Major Swimmer of the Year for the second straight time.

"It is really hard to deal with that; it's like being out for months. I was happy with how I did under the circumstances. People who didn't know that I had the flu may have thought I had gone down from my freshman year. I couldn't have been happier with getting in the top eight in all my events. It definitely tested my character."

This summer, Aemisegger is putting herself through a physical test daily as she trains for her shot at a place on the U.S. team.

"In the morning from 6 to 9, I swim about 10,000 meters," said Aemisegger, who has been training this summer with the Germantown Academy Aquatic Club (GAAC) and longtime coach Dick Shoulberg.

"I take a nap and then have lunch. We have another workout in the pool from 1 to 3 where we go about 7,000 meters. Then we have 40 minutes of dry land training with lifting running and spinning. It's everything I am used to."

Aemisegger is used to juggling her training as she has made frequent trips to Germantown during her Princeton career.

"At Princeton my training is for pure racing," explained Aemisegger, who currently holds the Princeton school record in seven events.

"I get yardage and speed at Germantown. I was going there every other day at some points during the year. In the springtime, there are not that many people training at Princeton; we have a lot of potential Olympians at the club."

BREATHTAKING: Princeton University swimming superstar Alicia Aemisegger takes a deep breath as she readies herself for a race earlier in her Princeton career. Next week, Aemisegger, a rising PU junior, will be competing in the U.S. Olympic Swimming Trials in Omaha, Neb. Aemisegger, who currently holds the Princeton school record in seven events, plans to compete in the 200 and 400 individual medley events at the trials as she looks to punch her ticket for the Beijing Summer Olympics in August. *(Photo courtesy of Princeton Office of Athletic Communications and Beverly Schaefer)*

As she competes in Omaha, though, Aemisegger will be drawing on the support of her Princeton family.

"The team has been really supportive; everyone understands that I have to do this," said Aemisegger.

"They don't get mad if I can't come out with them. They send me texts to encourage me; I have been hearing a lot from them."

And the world could be hearing a lot about Aemisegger if she makes her way back to Asia this August.

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Ferrell Feeding on Home-Field Advantage As She Looks Ahead to Olympic Track Trials

The college town of Eugene, Oregon has often been called the track capital of the United States.

As the home of the University of Oregon, which has produced such legendary runners as Steve Prefontaine, Alberto Salazar, and Mary Decker Slaney together with trendsetting coaches Bill Dellinger and Bill Bowerman, track is a religion in the area.

The cathedral for the track worshippers is Hayward Field, a charming stadium that has been described as the Wrigley Field of the sport.

Currently, the town is in a bit of frenzy as it gets ready to host the U.S. Olympic Track and Field Trials from June 27 to July 6.

Posters heralding the event have been plastered all over town and the local running community is abuzz as it looks forward to welcoming the top U.S. track athletes.

Planted in the middle of the vortex of excitement is former Princeton University distance running star Cack Ferrell, who is living and training in Eugene as a member of the Oregon Track Club Elite squad.

Ferrell, who will be competing in the 5,000 meters for a spot on the U.S. Team, is feeding off the excitement around her.

"Hayward looks immaculate; the temporary stands are in place, it's a great environment," said Ferrell, a native of Minneapolis, Minn. who was a six-time All-American in track and cross country at Princeton.

"There is a big running community here and they are involved in the trials. We are getting the scoop on what is going on. It certainly is more exciting to be training here."

While Ferrell is pumped to run the Olympic Trials on her adopted home track, she is trying to maintain a business-like approach to things as she trains with coach Frank Gagliano.

"It's close but it doesn't seem like it yet, it's just another week of practice," said Ferrell.

"Gags is not talking strategy; he's just trying to get us through the next day. You can get overstimulated. It will hit us when we see the other athletes arriving in town."

Currently, Ferrell is trying to hone things to a fine edge as she approaches the tapering phase of her training.

"A lot of coaches would say the hay is in the barn but I think you can improve quickness, you can be sharper," asserted Ferrell, who does much of her training with former Stanford standout Lauren Fleshman and 2004 Olympian Nicole Teter.

"I'm up to 60 miles a week, closer to 70 some weeks. I'm trying not to change too much. We were doing mile repeats in March and April on the track and barked paths. Now we are down to 1,000, 800, and 400 repeats."

The willowy Ferrell acknowledges she hasn't had the sharpest year in 2008 leading up to the trials.

In early February, Ferrell ran a personal best for the 3,000, clocking a time of 9:00.37 in an indoor meet at the University of Washington. She followed that up by finishing a disappointing 15th in the U.S. Cross Country Championships.

"The Washington race was just fun, I had a friend rabbiting and it went well," said Ferrell, who placed 30th at the World Cross Country Championships in 2007 and later took second in the 5,000 at the Pan-American Games.

"My grandpa died a few days before the cross country race; it's not an excuse but it did affect me. I was highly disappointed with that race. Going to Scotland [for the world championships] would have been a great experience but in terms of training may be a blessing in disguise since I can focus on the track."

Right now, Ferrell is just focusing on bringing her best to the trials. "It's a lot less about times; I have a trial heat before the final and I just want to make the top 6 or 8," said Ferrell.

"There is less focus on times and places. I just want the satisfaction of knowing that I was mentally engaged the whole time, that I didn't let up in the third quarter, and that I ran a strong, competitive race."

If that effort results in a spot on the U.S. Team and a trip to the Beijing Summer Olympics in August, Ferrell would be thrilled.

"I can't even put into words what it would mean," said Ferrell. "It's beyond my wildest dreams. I try not to think about that."

If Ferrell did qualify for the U.S. team, she would be the toast of the town in track-wild Eugene.

—Bill Alden

HOME-FIELD ADVANTAGE: Cack Ferrell heads to the finish line during her stellar distance running career at Princeton University. Next week, Ferrell, a 2006 PU graduate who was a six-time All-American in track and cross country, will be competing in the 5,000 meters at the U.S. Olympic Track and Field Trials. The meet is being held at Hayward Field in Eugene, Ore. from June 27-July 6, familiar territory for Ferrell, who now lives and trains in Eugene as a member of the Oregon Track Club Elite squad. (Photo by Bill Allen/NJ SportAction)

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PU Men's Lacrosse Enjoyed European Jaunt, Sees Trip Producing a More Close-Knit Team

BACK TO HIS ROOTS: Princeton University men's lacrosse head coach Bill Tierney urges his team on during action this past spring. Tierney recently led his team on a nine-day tour of Spain and Ireland. Tierney enjoyed meeting with distant cousin Cahir Tierney in Dublin as he made the first trip to the country of his ancestors. (Photo by Bill Allen/NJ SportAction)

Bill Tierney got the chance to make some family history as the Princeton University men's lacrosse team hit Dublin, Ireland to wind up a nine-day European tour.

Making the first journey to the country of his ancestors, longtime PU head coach Tierney met with distant cousin Cahir Tierney.

"This guy read an article about our trip; he's kind of the head of the Tierney clan in Ireland and he drove over from Galway to meet me," recalled Tierney. "It was really good to talk to him."

Tierney's visit with his Galway cousin was one of many off-the-field highlights of the trip which saw Princeton spend four days at the La Manga Club Resort resort in Alicante, Spain before heading to Dublin where the team stayed at the Jury's Inn in the middle of the city.

On the field, the Tigers went 3-0, beating the English national team 9-7 and 8-7 in games played in Spain and then breezing past the English U-19 team 15-4 in Dublin.

The team enjoyed getting the chance to sample two radically different slices of European culture.

"It was fun going from resort to city, it was good to not be in one place too long," said Tierney, noting that a trip through the ruins of Cartagena, an ancient Spanish city that dates to 227 B.C. and a jaunt to the Upper Lake of Glendalough in Ireland were two of his personal highlights.

"We could've seen a lot more in either place but four days was a good stay in both places. Ireland was opposite of Spain, we were in the middle of a very big city."

As for the lacrosse, the Tigers got off to a bit of a rough start. "We didn't practice a whole lot before we came and then we flew all night and had a practice without sleep," said Tierney "That was a bit of a horror show."

Coming off a disappointing 7-6 season which saw Princeton drop its last two games and miss out on the NCAA tournament, Tierney was happy to see his team post the wins over the English national team.

"The games were fun; the guys played well," said Tierney, who praised the work of such young players as Long Ellis, Chris McBride, and Tyler Moni, a former Princeton High standout.

"It was good to win. It left the seniors with a better taste after the disappointing end to our season. They got to play some more and win some games."

The win over the English U-19 team at the University College Dublin field left the Princeton players with a particularly sweet taste in their mouths.

"We jumped out to a big lead; that was good," said Tierney, who got two goals apiece in the win from Moni, Jack McBride, and Greg Seaman. "There were a lot of laughs, a lot of fun."

For Tierney, one of the most fun aspects of the trip was the presence of noted author and longtime Princeton resident John McPhee, who was in the traveling party in his capacity as a PU men's lacrosse Academic Athletic Fellow.

"John McPhee really made the trip," asserted Tierney. "He knows everything about everything. He was thrilled to be with us and it was great for the guys to get to know him."

In Tierney's view, the trip could be a great springboard to help Princeton make some history next season.

"I think it will help, you know your teammates but now you are on a bus with them, you are on flights with them," said Tierney.

"You are in a hotel with them. You are taking day trips. I think it does help bring them closer and pull together."

—Bill Alden

EUROPEAN UNION: Princeton University men's lacrosse player Chris McBride races up the field in action this season. McBride performed well on the Tigers' recent trip to Spain and Ireland which saw them go 3-0, beating the English national team 9-7 and 8-7 in games played in Spain and then breezing past the English U-19 team 15-4 in Dublin. (Photo by Bill Allen/NJ SportAction)

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Former Princeton High Standout Moni Flies High On PU Men's Lax Europe Trip

Former Princeton High boys' lacrosse standout Tyler Moni came across town to continue his career as he joined the Princeton University men's lax program this past fall.

While becoming a member of the PU team was the culmination of a dream for Moni, the midfielder struggled to adjust to the college game.

The 5'11, 180-pound Moni got into only one game this past spring, scooping up a ground ball in a brief appearance against Harvard in mid-April.

It turned out that Moni had to go across the Atlantic Ocean to develop a comfort level as he starred on Princeton's recent trip to Spain and Ireland.

Showing the form that helped him earn All-State honors during his PHS career, Moni tallied three goals and two assists in helping PU go 3-0 on a trip that saw it post two wins over England's national team and a victory over the English U-19 squad.

In reflecting on the European jaunt, Moni enjoyed getting the chance for some extended action.

"It was good to get on the field with some starters; I was a little nervous at first but things started to slow down," said Moni.

"I made good progress. I tried to do the little things and let the guys who have been playing lead the way."

In Moni's view, having a better feel for the game allowed him to let loose in Europe.

"I think that being more aggressive comes from having that comfort level," said Moni.

"Before I was hesitant to take the ball, afraid that if I made a mistake, the world would be falling in on me. I took my opportunities on the field."

Princeton head coach Bill Tierney liked the way Moni took advantage of his opportunities on the trip.

"We had been seeing this in practice," said Tierney. "If he continues to learn, he will be a good player for us. He's big, fast, and he needs to be aggressive like he was over there."

For Moni, the learning curve started with the program's fall practice sessions.

"I knew it was going to be tough; it's hard to prepare on your own," said Moni.

"The speed of the game is hard to catch up with; it makes it hard to adapt your skills. Learning the system was tough. I was working with 10 guys who can all dodge, shoot, and pass. I had to learn to stay out of their way and then memorize the offensive sets."

It was tough for Moni to learn what it is like to be a benchwarmer. "You always want to play, you always want to help the team," said Moni a four-year starter for the PHS lacrosse team who was also a star receiver for the Little Tiger football squad.

"I knew I was sitting behind some great players. We all have a role on the team. The coaches were good about encouraging us and telling us that they saw good things."

Moni and his teammates were a bit discouraged by how they finished the spring, losing their last two games to finish 7-6 and miss out on a trip to the NCAA tournament.

"After the Cornell win, I think a lot of people thought that we would roll," said Moni. "We hit a couple of speed bumps after that."

There were no bumps in the road for Princeton on its European tour. "It was a different dynamic to do things as a group away from school with 48 of your best friends," said Moni.

"We get to hang out at school and on the lacrosse field but this was different. I got to know a lot of guys better. I especially got to know the seniors and what they are interested in."

For Moni, it was interesting to experience different sides of Europe on the trip.

"It was fun hanging out with the guys on the beach in Spain," recalled Moni.

"Going into the city at night was great; I met a lot of different people out there. Hiking the countryside in Ireland was great, it was very impressive."

As he goes through the rest of the summer, Moni is dedicated to building on his impressive showing in Europe.

"I'm really excited, I can't wait to get back and playing," said Moni.

"I'm a lot more confident than before. I'm looking to get better and see if I can get some playing time."

—Bill Alden

SMOOTH FLIGHT: Former Princeton High boys' lacrosse star Tyler Moni sprawls out as he flies to goal during his senior year at PHS in 2007. Moni came across town to continue his career as he joined the Princeton University men's lacrosse program this past fall. After struggling to adjust to the college game this spring, Moni flew high on Princeton's recent trip to Spain and Ireland. Moni tallied three goals and two assists in helping PU go 3-0 on a trip that saw it post two wins over England's national team and a victory over the English U-19 squad.

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After Record-Breaking Career for PDS Football, Shimkin Primed for Sunshine Classic, Dickinson

Mike Shimkin ended his Princeton Day School football career as the program's all-time leading rusher but he doesn't see that as a big deal.

"That is not really important; it's nice that we won the game when I broke it," said Shimkin, referring to PDS' 34-12 win at Red Lion Christian (Del.) last October during which he ran for 144 yards to give him 2,583 in his career.

"It's really a testament to the whole senior class; if I didn't have guys like Clint [O'Brien], Andrew [Ojeda], Patrick [Murphy], and Jake [Lipkin] there wouldn't have been holes open for me."

Other coaches, though, recognized that Shimkin's skills had a lot to do with his record, naming him to the West squad for the 12th annual Sunshine Football Classic, which is being played on July 2 at the The College of New Jersey's Lions Stadium.

When Shimkin joined the PDS team as a freshman in 2004, he certainly didn't see himself as blazing a record-setting path.

"You never know what to expect; I wasn't sure if I would be on JV or varsity," recalled Shimkin, who finished with more than 3,000 yards rushing in his PDS career in passing the old mark of 2,490 yards set by Bill Martin in 1976.

"Coach [Bruce] Devlin thought I was a good fit at running back so I ended up splitting carries with Alex Kowalski on the varsity. The players were bigger but it really wasn't that much different. The seniors really helped me; it's always important to have senior leadership."

That senior leadership played a big role in Shimkin's sophomore year as PDS went 7-1, tying a program record for most wins in a season.

"That was the best blend of upperclassmen leaders and young talent," said Shimkin.

"Clint, Andrew, and I did well. Kowalski and [David] Blitzer were great leaders. I think Blitzer had something like 120 tackles at linebacker."

The Panthers, though, plummeted to a 1-6 mark the next season, hurt by a lack of veteran leaders.

"One reason we didn't have a good season my junior year was that we had only one senior and a lot of freshmen," said Shimkin, who struggled with injury that fall. "I was one of the captains; I could have done a better job of being a leader."

Going into the 2007 season, Shimkin and his fellow seniors were determined to lead PDS back to its winning ways.

"We just really wanted to rebound; junior year was tough, we didn't want to go to practice after a while," said Shimkin.

"You have a good time by winning; we wanted to start off fresh. We came into this season wanting things to be different."

With Shimkin keying the PDS ground attack, the Panthers achieved that goal as they posted a solid 6-3 record.

PDS ended things on a high note, topping Elkton (Md.) Christian Academy 27-8 in the Crusader Invitational bowl game.

"We don't have playoffs in our league so it was good to have the bowl game," said Shimkin. "It was nice to win something for the seniors."

As he looks forward to the Sunshine Classic, Shimkin is happy to get to play with the best seniors in the area.

"It's nice playing in that, you know you are playing with the top players in the area," said Shimkin, who is headed to Dickinson College this fall where he plans to play both football and baseball.

"You are playing for your school one last time. It will help me to get into shape for college. Being able to play an extra game is great. It's an opportunity to go against the best."

Maybe the best part of the Sunshine Classic for Shimkin will be the chance to play one last time with O'Brien and Ojeda and for Devlin, who won't be coaching at PDS next season.

"It's great to be playing with Clint and Andrew again," asserted Shimkin. "Coach has been great in both baseball and football. It will be fun."

Shimkin is looking forward to having fun at Dickinson. "When I went there, it had a different feel, it felt like the right place for me," said Shimkin, who also considered Gettysburg, Franklin and Marshall, Johns Hopkins, Trinity, and Tufts.

"Coach [Darwin] Breaux and the guys in the team were great. I also had a friend's brother who played football there and he had a great experience."

For Shimkin, having a great experience at PDS meant a lot more than breaking a rushing record.

"PDS is really tough academically, you can't slack off," said Shimkin.

"I structured my time more; I developed better study habits. It's been good for me. I think it will really help me with college."

—Bill Alden

RECORD PACE: Mike Shimkin gallops for extra yardage last fall for the Princeton Day School football team. Shimkin ended his PDS career as the program's all-time leading rusher with more than 3,000 yards. Next week, Shimkin will be playing for the West squad for the 12th annual Sunshine Football Classic at the The College of New Jersey's Lions Stadium. Shimkin is headed to Dickinson College this fall, where he plans to play both football and baseball. (Photo by Bill Alden/NJ SportAction)

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With Maturing Holman Leading the Way, PYS Emerging as Summer Hoops Threat

Youth has not served the Princeton High boys' basketball team well as it has competed in the Princeton Recreation Department Men's Summer Basketball League over the last few years.

The squad, which has played as the Princeton Youth Sports (PYS) entry in the league, has lost most of its games on the Community Park courts in the contests of boys against men.

But last Friday, the team's young legs and its aggressive play paid dividends when PYS faced an undermanned Where2Ball.com squad.

Noting that its foe only had five players on hand, PYS pressed on defense and played an up-tempo offensive style.

With rising senior DeQuan Holman leading the way, PYS jumped out to a 25-6 lead and never looked back in posting an impressive 59-34 victory to improve to 1-1 on the summer.

Afterward, Holman, who poured in a game-high 19 points, said that PYS was looking to run Where2Ball off the court.

"They only had five guys so that was our philosophy," said Holman, referring to the team's run-and-gun approach. "We wanted to get them out of breath; we wanted to push the tempo."

Although PYS opened the summer with a loss to defending champion Northwestern Financial 67-56 on June 16, it was proud of that effort.

"That was a big confidence builder, they are a very tough team," said Holman.

"We just came out and played hard tonight; we figured we could take this one. We got good experience from that game."

In action last Monday, It's A Grind improved to 2-1 with a 51-48 win over Cool Runnings (1-2) while National Pools (1-2) posted a 36-31 victory over Where-2Ball.com (0-3) and Prime Time Camps (3-0) cruised to a 49-32 triumph over Windstreet Energy (0-3).

In Holman's view, PYS is building on the success that PHS experienced this winter as it rode a late surge to make the state tournament for the first time since 2001.

"We know how to play with each other; we know what we are doing out there," said Holman, who averaged 15.3 points a game last winter to help PHS finish with a 12-11 record. "We have a good shooting team; it is just confidence with us. We have good coaching; we have a lot of chemistry.

Playing in the men's league is helping PYS gain even more confidence.

"You get the toughness; you get tougher," said Holman. "You can get blown out by 50 one night and then you can squeeze out a win."

Holman feels he is getting tougher individually by playing against the men.

"It helps me tremendously; playing against stronger, tougher guys like Derick Grant [of Northwestern Financial] and a couple other good players out of college," said Holman.

"It helps my confidence tremendously, knowing I can go out and play against those guys and then play against high school players."

PHS head coach Jason Carter likes the toughness he is seeing from Holman. "He's really grown up; he's really matured," said Carter, who also coaches the PYS team.

"He wants to play at the next level and I think he has the talent. It's a matter of trying to put all the other pieces together. I'm really proud of the effort that he's put forth. He's leading our team on and off the court."

In Carter's view, his team is growing closer as a result of its battles with the men at Community Park.

"I think this is great in preparing us for the season," said Carter, whose team is also playing in a high school league in Ewing.

"We are starting to build a little bit of chemistry and camaraderie on the bench. We are sharing jokes and having fun. I think that the biggest part of building a successful program is that they want to be with each other."

The PHS players are also developing some mental toughness that should lead to more success in the upcoming season.

"The physicality of this league helps them in being able to compete and not be afraid," added Carter.

"If you can compete against Derick Grant and my brother (Wanny Carter) and Christian Burns, you should be able to compete against Trenton High. I just want to give them the opportunity to be successful."

PYS guard Josh Gordon, who fired in 16 points in the win over Where2Ball, is taking advantage of his opportunities this summer.

"Josh has been a spark off the bench," said Carter with a smile. "He's been hot; he's athletic as heck. He ran track this spring and that really helped him with his quickness. It's also about being ready to compete. Track is something where it is on an individual basis; when that gun goes off, you have to be ready to compete. That's helped him immensely; when he goes in, he's ready to go."

PYS appears ready to do some more damage this summer. "They have confidence in each other; they are doing it and I'm happy to be a part of it," said Carter, whose team plays Cool Runnings on June 25, Coldwell Banker on June 27, and Windstreet Energy on June 30 in upcoming men's league action.

"We are definitely the underdog. Our objective is not to necessarily win games because we have a lot of players that need to get experience. We want to mature and compete. I don't mind if young guys are coming in and making young mistakes. I'd rather have them make mistakes in this league before we go into the year."

Holman, for his part, believes PYS can keep maturing the rest of the summer.

"There is no pressure on us; we can just go out there and play," added Holman. "They aren't going to take us lightly. Now we have a 'w' under our belt and we want to continue from here."

—Bill Alden

HE'S DE MAN: DeQuan Holman flies to the hoop in action last winter for the Princeton High boys' basketball team. This summer, Holman is starring for Princeton Youth Sports, the PHS entry in Princeton Recreation Department Men's Summer Basketball League. Last Friday, Holman poured in a game-high 19 points as PYS routed Where2Ball.com 59-34 to improve to 1-1 on the summer. (Photo by Bill Allen/NJ SportAction)

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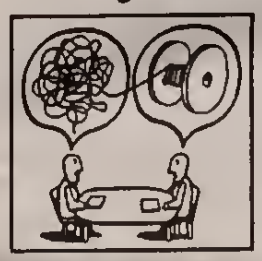

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The San Diego Padres called up catcher Luke Carlin from the minors in early May of 2008. Carlin made his big league debut on May 10th and what a debut it was. Starting on the mound for the Padres was Greg Maddox, who won the game to become the ninth pitcher in major league history to notch 350 career victories. But that's not all. The final out was recorded by Trevor Hoffman, who just happens to have registered more saves than any reliever in big league history. Catching two future Hall of Famers in your first game with one recording a milestone win -- not a bad way to kick off a career.

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On May 12, 2008, Cleveland's Asdrubal Cabrera turned an unassisted triple play against Toronto -- just the 14th in major league history. But incredibly, six of those unassisted triple plays have involved the Indians, either on one side or the other. And get this: The previous player to turn an unassisted triple play against the Indians was Ron Hansen 40 years earlier, in 1968, and Hansen just happened to be at the ballpark for Cabrera's play, working as a scout.

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The spring of 2008 marked the 60th year that the NBA and the NHL have held their championships at the same time. How many times has the same city captured both titles in the same year? Actually, the answer is never, although a few have come close. In 1992 the Chicago Bulls were NBA champions but the Blackhawks were swept in the Stanley Cup finals, and in 1994 the New York Rangers won the Cup but the Knicks lost in game seven of the finals.

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GRAND GESTURE: Princeton High School boys' lacrosse star Brandon Polakoff, second from left, is all smiles after being presented with a $1,000 scholarship by the Bobby Campbell Lacrosse Foundation (BCLF). Pictured with Polakoff, from left, are PHS boys' lacrosse head coach Peter Stanton, BCLF founder and former PHS head lacrosse coach Bill Cirulio, and Ken Fouik, the executive director of the BCLF. The scholarship is presented each year to a graduating lacrosse player in memory of Princeton native Bobby Campbell, a lacrosse star at PHS and Penn State and former coach of the Little Tigers, who died in a car accident in 1999. Polakoff will be continuing his lacrosse career at Trinity College (Conn.) this fall.

Local Sports

Post 218 Baseball Falls to WW-P

Danny Etherton had a big day at the plate but it wasn't enough as the Princeton Post 218 American Legion baseball team fell 15-6 at WW-P last Monday night.

Etherton went 3-for-3 with a homer, two runs scored, and two RBIs. Mark Madden, Joe Mayes, and Rich von der Schmidt each chipped in two hits as Post 218 fell to 2-7 on the summer.

In upcoming action, Post 218 hosts Mitchell Davis Post 182 on June 25 before playing at Ewing Post 314 on June 27 and at North Trenton Post 458 on June 28 and then hosting Bordentown Post 26 on June 30.

Princeton U-12 Softball Falls in District 12 Opener

The Princeton Under-12 All-Star softball team got off to a rough start in the District 12 Little League tournament as it fell 10-0 at Florence last Monday in Pool A action.

In upcoming action, Princeton plays Bordentown on June 26 at Florence before playing at West Windsor on June 29.

The squad, which is coached by Peter Travers, Megan McHugh, and Joe Campisi, includes Madison Cahill-Sanidas, Jessica Campisi, Helen Eisenach, Charlotte Gray, Charlotte Heller, Hailey Constantino, Kerry Shanaberger, Ami Chauhan, Kristen Miele, Mary Travers, Madison Luther, Byrne Fahey, and Hannah Hargrove.

Princeton U-12 Little League Set for District 12 Tourney

The Princeton Little League 12-Year-Old All-Star team is primed to make a run in Pool A play in the District 12 Tournament.

Princeton was slated to get underway by playing Sunnybrae at Florence on June 24. The team will continue Pool A play by playing at Chambersburg on June 25, at Florence on June 28, and facing West End at HTRBA on June 30.

The squad, which is coached by Paul Taylor and Rick Giles, includes Zach DiGregorio, Dylan Doran-Schroeder, Jack Dyevich, Colin Frawley, Christian Giles, Alec Jones, Paul Murray, Richard Payne, Kevin Quinn, Robert Quinn, Austin Taylor, Matt Vasseur, and Billy Warner.

Princeton Patriots Baseball Wins Division Crown

The Princeton Patriots Under-14 travel baseball team won the regular season title in its division in the United States Amateur Baseball League as it posted a 7-2 record.

The squad's standouts include Princeton residents Clay Alter, James Bunn, Michael Dunlap, and Beau Horan.

In USABL playoff action, the Patriots beat Old Bridge 14-10 in the semifinals to advance to a championship showdown with Hopewell.

In other action, the Patriots advanced to the semifinals in Dan Duquette's Memorial Day Weekend Tournament in Hinsdale, Mass., winning 4 out of 5 games in that competition.

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CENTENNIAL PLANNERS: The Princeton Family YMCA will celebrate the 100th anniversary of its 1908 founding this fall, on September 22 at the Princeton Hyatt Regency. Planning the fund-raising event at a recent meeting at the Nassau Club were YMCA board members and officers of the YMCA Executive Club — from left, Executive Club V.P. Bruce Traub, YMCA board president David Sandahl, Executive Club member Reeves Hicks, Executive Club chairman Millard Riggs, YMCA board member Julia Coale, and Executive Club president Pete Callaway.

Clubs

SCORE, the Service Corps of Retired Executives, will offer a free seminar on QuickBooks, accounting software for small businesses, on Thursday, June 26 from 6:45 to 9 p.m. at the Princeton Public Library. Presented by Alfred Stephens and Stacy Svendor, business and tax professionals from @ Home Tax Pros, LLC, the seminar will be a user-friendly presentation on the basics of QuickBooks, and how to use the software effectively to manage and expand a business.

For reservations, e-mail info@scoreprinceton.org. Registrations will also be accepted at the seminar.

Toastmasters Club No. 4139 will meet at the Mercer County Library, 138 Hickory Corner Road, East Windsor, on Monday, June 30 at 7 p.m. Guests are welcome.

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The **Central Jersey Dance Society** will offer a "No Name" dance and East Coast Swing workshop on Saturday, July 5, and a Ballroom Blitz Dance and Social on Saturday, July 12, both at the Unitarian Universalist Congregation of Princeton, 50 Cherry Hill Road.

On July 5 an intermediate East Coast Swing lesson will begin at 6:15 p.m., a beginner lesson at 7:30 p.m. Latin, West Coast Swing, East Coast Swing, ballroom, and hustle dancing will follow from 8:30 to 11:30 p.m. Admission will be $12 with the workshop or beginner lesson and dance.

All levels are welcome and no partner is needed. For more information, call (609) 945-1883 or visit www.centraljerseydance.org.

The **Princeton Macintosh Users Group** will hold its second annual summer picnic on Saturday, July 19 from 1 to 5 p.m. at The American Legion Post 414, 100 Berwyn Place, Lawrenceville. In the event of rain the picnic will be held indoors at the same location. The event is restricted to PMUG members and families, and pets are not permitted.

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The monthly PMUG meetings will resume on August 12.

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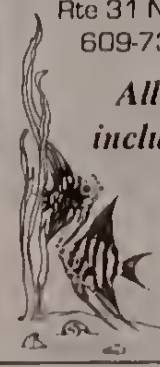

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Obituaries

James C. McKeever Sr.

James C. McKeever Sr., 89, of Monroe Township, formerly of Princeton, died June 13.

Born in Easton, Pa., he was a longtime resident of Princeton prior to moving to Monroe Township.

After Pearl Harbor he enlisted in the U.S. Army Air Force, was assigned to the Aerial Photographic Intelligence Unit of the 5th Air Force in Australia, and served with it in New Guinea and the Philippines.

As an undergraduate at Westminster Choir College in Princeton, he was the bass soloist of the Symphonic Choir and class president. Upon graduating in 1948 he began a nearly 60-year musical career of directing, teaching, training, and performance.

Called to the First Presbyterian Church of Haddonfield, N.J. in 1948, he served as the minister of music and developed a program that included nine choirs of more than 450 adults and children. While there, he was instrumental in the creation of a community supported music performance series that featured leading international soloists and instrumentalists.

In 1961 he returned to Westminster as a professor of voice and was appointed head of the department. He also began his 11-year service as director of music at the Fifth Avenue Presbyterian Church in New York City.

Among the many highlights he experienced in New York was having his choir sing with Duke Ellington and his orchestra in the East Coast premiere of Ellington's concert of sacred music, "In the Beginning God." He also conducted the Massed Choirs of New York City in the Singer Bowl at the New York World's Fair.

At Westminster he served variously as Director of Alumni and Church Relations and Placement, or as Director of Development and Alumni Affairs. In 1975 he was appointed Assistant to the President with responsibility for coordinating the college's 50th anniversary. He directed the Summer Vocal Camp held on campus for several years. Officially retired in 1983 as Professor Emeritus, he continued to teach voice privately. He was given Westminster's Alumni Merit Award in 1970 and the Alumni Distinguished Service Award this past May.

He also served as a Visiting Lecturer of Music at Princeton Theological Seminary, designated Music Director Emeritus at the Ewing Presbyterian Church in Ewing, and most recently as the Chorus Director at the Community Church of Rossmoor, Monroe Township. He led vocal workshops and seminars around the country.

As a bass-baritone he was a soloist for performances of Mendelssohn's *Elijoh*, Bach's Mass in B Minor and *The St. John Possion*, Verdi's *Requiem*, Handel's *Messioh* and Gounod's *Messe Solennelle*, among others. He also sang several roles in Warren Martin's *The True Story of Cinderello*.

A Rotarian since 1951, he was a past president of the Princeton Rotary Club, where he received the Paul Harris Award. He also held memberships in the Nassau Club and The Old Guard of Princeton.

Predeceased in 2002 by his wife of 60 years, Marion, he is survived by his children, James C. McKeever, Jr. of Fairfax, Va., John D. McKeever of Denville, N.J., and Elizabeth McKeever Lewis of Bethesda, Md.; 11 grandchildren; and a great-grandchild.

The funeral will be private. A memorial service is planned for August 17 at the Nassau Presbyterian Church.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to Westminster Choir College, 101 Walnut Lane, Princeton 08540 for The Endowment for the Westminster Archives/the Preservation of its History.

Arrangements are under the direction of The Mather-Hodge Funeral Home.

Frederick M. English

Frederick M. English, 96, of Skillman, died June 21 in Stonebridge at Montgomery.

Born in Trenton, he had been a Princeton resident since 1962.

He was a graduate of Trenton High School, class of 1930, and the University of Pennsylvania, class of 1934. He later attended Harvard Law School and graduated from Rutgers Law School.

He was a United States Army World War II veteran, rising to the rank of Lieutenant Colonel.

He served as an assistant prosecutor of Mercer County from 1949 to 1957. He worked as a legal analyst with the State of New Jersey, Division of Taxation, and later served as New Jersey Deputy Attorney General from 1972 until 1980.

He was president of the New Jersey State Society of Sons of the Revolution from 1976 to 1978, and a past president of the Historical Society of Princeton, having served in that position from 1983 to 1985. He was also a published author, of *General Hugh Mercer*.

The son of the late Joseph E. and Iva Mathews English, husband of the late Julie Carll English, and brother of the late Dr. Harrison English and Mary Ann Burnett, he is survived by a daughter, Judy E. Power.

The funeral service will be tomorrow, June 26 at 11 a.m. at the Mather-Hodge Funeral Home, 40 Vandeventer Avenue. Burial will follow in the Ewing Church Cemetery, Ewing. Friends may call on Thursday from 10 a.m. until time of the service at the funeral home.

Memorial contributions may be made to the American Diabetes Association, 1701 North Beauregard Street, Alexandria, Va. 22311; or to a charity of the donor's choice.

Beatrice H. Wysocki

Beatrice Hannah Wysocki, 94, of Princeton, died June 16 at the University Medical Center at Princeton.

Born in Point Pleasant, Pa., she lived in Frenchtown, N.J. before moving to Princeton in 1972. She graduated from Frenchtown High School in 1933.

She worked in the admission office at Princeton University, having previously worked at the Frenchtown Porcelain Company.

She was a member of the Frenchtown Baptist Church for 80 years. She also attended the Westerly Road Church in Princeton.

She was a past president of the American Legion Ladies Auxiliary Fidelity Post 113 in Frenchtown, where she was a member for 60 years. She enjoyed traveling and had visited every state of the union.

Daughter of the late Zebulon and Emiline (Samsil) Bartleman and wife of the late Edward Wysocki, she is survived by a son, Douglas Wysocki of New Paltz, N.Y.; a daughter, Evelyn Wysocki of Princeton; and a granddaughter, Sara Wysocki of Las Cruces, New Mexico.

The funeral service was June 20 at the Johnson-Walton Funeral Home in Holland Township. Interment was in Frenchtown Cemetery.

Memorial contributions may be made to SAVE, A Friend to Homeless Animals, 900 Herrontown Road, Princeton 08540.

John C. Perone

John C. Perone, 85, a lifelong resident of Princeton, died June 20 in the University Medical Center at Princeton.

He was a U.S. Army World War II veteran who served in the First Army 9th Division. A D-Day survivor, he was also a Purple Heart recipient.

He retired in 1986 after 38 years as a plumbing supervisor with RCA-David Sarnoff Research Center.

He was a member of the American Legion Post 76 and an avid outdoorsman who enjoyed fishing, hunting, and golf.

He was predeceased by his parents, Angelo and Filomena DiCreddo Perone; and his siblings Bruce, Victor, Alfred, Mario, Angelo Jr., Felix, Albert, Mary Perone, and Julia Sartor. He is survived by his wife of 60 years, Jane Boccanfuso Perone; two sons, John M. Perone and Scott D. Perone; two daughters, Patricia A. Trani and Sharon A. Perone; a brother, Joseph Perone; and four grandchildren.

The funeral will be today, June 25 at 10 a.m. at the Mather-Hodge Funeral Home, 40 Vandeventer Avenue. A Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated at 11 a.m. at St. Paul's Church, 214 Nassau Street. Burial will follow in Princeton Cemetery.

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On Thursday, July 17 at 10 a.m., Senator Jennifer Beck of the 12th Legislative District will share her observations about the current political landscape and address issues related to both the State and Presidential elections. A question and answer session will follow.

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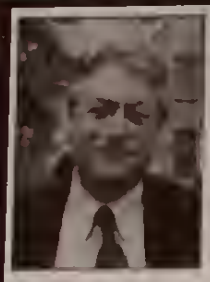

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NUGE GARAGE/ESTATE SALE: 4 family Saturday & Sunday, June 28 & 29 9 am–4 pm. 256 Cold Soil Road Antiques, furniture, vintage items, household goods, loads of stuff too numerous to mention. No early birds, please.

06-25

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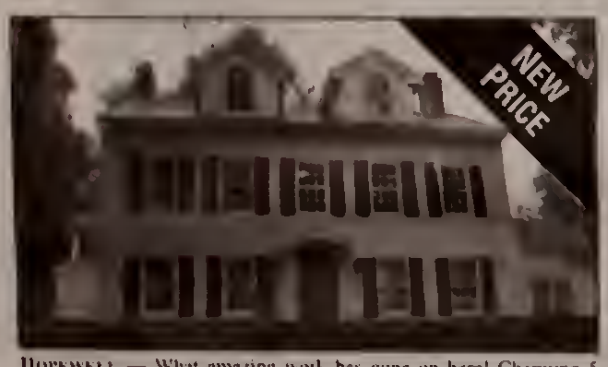

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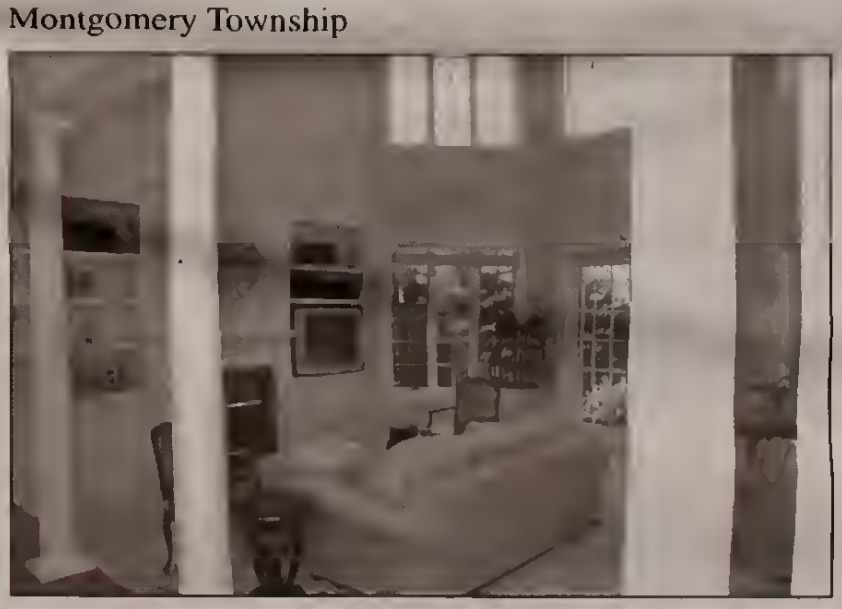

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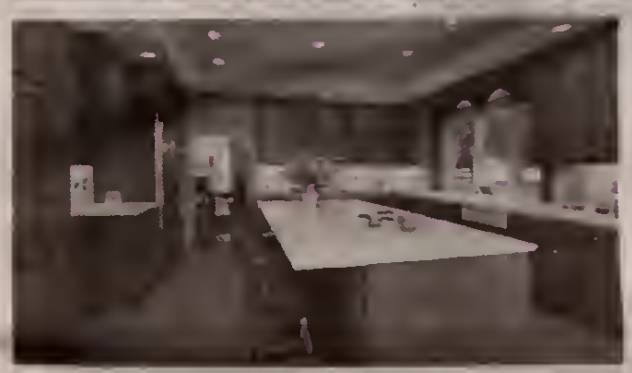

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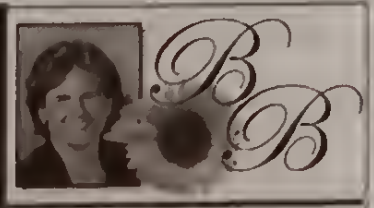

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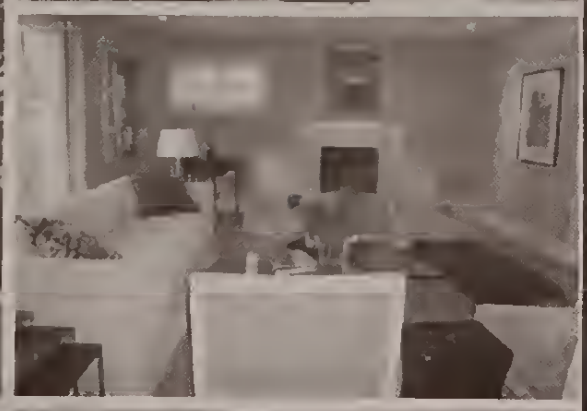

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Commercial Real Estate

Several months ago these pages reported on the sturdiness of the Princeton real estate market, even in the face of downswings elsewhere. It should come as no surprise then, that the community's commercial real estate situation is similarly sound.

As a matter of fact, the commercial sector typically follows trends in the residential sector by about a year, so the general drop in residential real estate sales has only recently begun to be felt among commercial realtors and, again, Princeton is still flourishing. "Retailers desperately want to move into downtown Princeton," observed one realtor recently. Between hedge fund operations, architectural firms, and retail stores, there's little available space and the sales market is strong." Princeton is "bucking the trend," he added, with both leasing costs and purchase prices going up.

Besides Princeton's own cachė, being in New Jersey appears to be a perk right now. A recent New Jersey Star Ledger article on commercial property noted that "while the national picture remains troubling, New Jersey is faring better than many states." Last week, The New York Times similarly reported that proximity to Manhattan is helping the New Jersey's real estate business, with companies from Manhattan signing leases for cheaper spaces in the Garden State. One realtor, the article noted, has posted "highway billboards promoting a cost difference of up to 70 percent" between New York and New Jersey, going so far as to install "a calculator on the company's web site that enables a real estate executive to instantly figure the savings possible with a move across the river."

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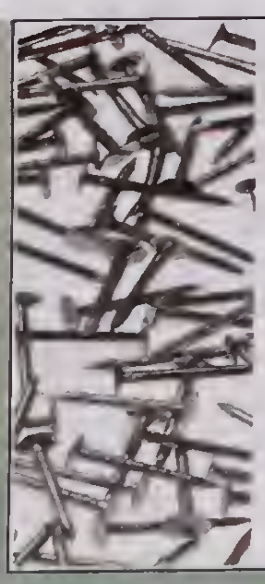

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Although realtors typically specialize in either residential or commercial real estate, the licensing process is the same for both. In some instances, one firm may include two separate departments offering both residential and commercial real estate services. In others, a company may be exclusively one or the other. Realtors seem to like the challenges of working in commercial real estate."I started out in residential," said one commercial real estate agent. "Commercial offers more variety and opportunities to work through problem-solving situations," she added. "It has a multi-level platform, with local, regional, national, and global capability." An agent from a different company agreed, saying that she liked "the challenge of commercial real estate. The issues that arise with each transaction are never the same. The challenges are interesting, as are the people I meet."

Own or Lease?

Depending on philosophy and finances, some companies prefer to own their real estate, paying a mortgage rather than renting from a landlord. Owning a property can enhance the value of a business, especially if they intend to sell the business at some point in the future, in which case including the real estate in the sale can enhance the value of a deal. With respect to rentals, one year leases are not very desirable, according to one commercial broker. "Many landlords will not enter into leasing contracts that are less than three years," she added, with some landlords requiring "five or seven years as a minimum."

Commercial real estate agents are often asked to do an analysis of the costs of the both leasing and purchasing for a business, to see which is most advantageous for their particular circumstances. Right now, credit standards have tightened and companies with credit problems may have more difficulty obtaining mortgages, or be willing to increase their down-payments on a property. Federal government interventions, however, have helped to prop up banks and enhance their loan-granting operations.

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University Office

Princeton University has its own Office of Real Estate Finance, which reports to the school's treasurer, providing administrative and staff support for areas related to the management and development of commercial real estate properties, for the acquisition and disposition of real estate in the Princeton area; and the management and disposition of gifts of real estate to the University. It also monitors real estate property taxes (payments, assessments, reevaluations, farm land assessments, tax exemptions, data storage, etc.), and administration of the University's mortgage loan plan. It also maintains all real property records and serves as the informational resource for inquiries regarding real estate and the University.

Destination: Princeton

The recent infusion of money from the State's "Destination Marketing Grant Program" into the Princeton region also bodes well for commercial real estate in the area (see article, front page). The Princeton Regional Convention and Visitors Bureau has declared its "primary goal" to be establishing itself "as the premiere destination marketing organization in the region." The $106,250 grant will help to highlight the Princeton regional "as a significant cultural, historic, educational, and artistic destination through a comprehensive marketing strategy."

This sentiment is echoed in the Chamber of Commerce article, which notes that the "high 'quality of life' in the Princeton area is a tremendous draw for new companies moving to the area, which has added to the demand for office and high-tech space."

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